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Caregiver Cries Out for Help

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

"I am so ashamed of the system offered to the aging in Ontario. The aging population deserve some dignity and respect. We talk about elder abuse well I have to tell you I truly believe my mother experienced that for several months. In all actuality she experienced neglect for a few years." Those are words spoken by a caregiver whose mother is terminally ill and is distraught by the level of care her mother has received by a Community Care Access Centre.

There are 14 Community Care Access Centres across Ontario all of which according to their website "connect you to the care you need at home, long-term care destinations and other services in your community." They are funded by Local Health Integration Networks through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

They provide; nursing, personal support, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech-language therapy, social work, nutritional counselling and medical supplies and equipment.

According to the CCAC, "There may come a time when it becomes too much of a challenge to stay in your own home. However, before you think of leaving your home for a long-term care destination, explore Care in Your Home services that are available through your CCAC. If you only need help with specific day-to-day tasks, such as bathing and cooking, you may be able to stay in

your home with the support of in-home services and with Care In Your Community. But, if you do determine that you need more comprehensive support, two choices you may consider are: Retirement Homes and Long-Term Care Homes."

It sounds like the perfect solution, personal support workers are brought to your home, they'll help with bathing or dressing for example so you can stay at home with your loved ones for longer. They want you to stay at home for as long as possible but in reality the ability to get PSW hours and to get what you want is an entirely different story and has one caregiver crying

out for help.

The caregiver has wished to remain anonymous but is distraught with the lack of hours and care she's been given for her terminally ill mother. "I want relief, my husband and I have been providing 24 hour around the clock care, its draining us." The caregiver and her husband have left their jobs in another province to provide care. After five weeks of waiting they finally received three nights (eight hours) of personal support a week and one eight hour of

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Questions Raised about Irondale Fire: Trucks from Dunsford, None from Gooderham

"It's a good thing they spotted the smoke when they were going by." Minden Hills Fire Chief Doug Schell

The response to the Irondale General Store fire on March 19th has raised a number of questions about why firefighters from Gooderham were not called to the fire when departments responded from as far away as Dunsford. Since the fire, the County Voice has received a number of calls from people questioning the process used by the Minden Hills Fire Department, but Fire Chief Doug Schell has no concerns and nothing but praise for his department's response.

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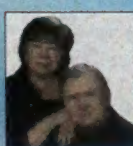
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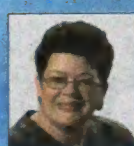
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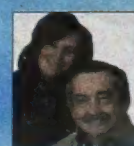
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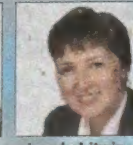
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Questions Raised about Irondale Fire...

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

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Schell says that prior to amalgamation there was an agreement in place between Gooderham, Snowdon and Minden. "In the mid to late 90's, Gooderham pulled out of the agreement," Schell said, so Snowdon relied on what is now the City of Kawartha Lakes to cover Irondale. He was reluctant to speculate on the reasons why Gooderham no longer wished to be part of the agreement.

Schell told the Voice that in 2002, about the time that he became the Deputy Fire Chief in Minden Hills, all of the fire agreements were reviewed as a result of amalgamation. He said, "We started discussions with Highlands East about covering some of that area and even had a draft agreement prepared."

But Schell said that manpower in Gooderham was minimal at the time and the municipality decided that it was in the best interest of the ratepayers to concentrate on their own municipality so didn't follow through with formalizing a new agreement. The agreement between Minden Hills and the City of Kawartha Lakes continued.

That, according to Schell, is the heart of the recent concerns. "Irondale residents continue to take issue with the fact that there is no agreement with Gooderham and that departments from Dunsford and Burnt River responded." Schell advised that, in accordance with their agreement with Kawartha Lakes, when his department receives a call for structural fires the first response is out of Kinmount but it is their policy that Burnt River be called to attend as well.

"When our department arrived on the scene there was definitely enough manpower in place so no additional resources were needed out of Gooderham," Schell said, adding that calling Gooderham might have taken place if the situation was grave enough to determine that additional mutual aid was necessary.

In the case of the Irondale fire, Schell said the initial call led them to believe that there was a chimney fire. He said there was some confusion about the location of the fire and responders understood that the fire was actually at a home on Irondale Road where the call was initiated, rather than a structural fire at the Irondale General Store.

As to why the Dunsford truck was on site, Schell said they had originally been responding to a call in Bobcaygeon, but finding they weren't required there, they decided to swing over to the call on Irondale Road when they noticed the smoke at the general store. "It's a good thing they spotted the smoke when they were going by," Schell said.

The fire agreements in place between the municipalities are a totally different kettle of fish than mutual aid calls. Under the fire agreements, fees are established to cover the costs of each department and responses are normally made only to areas specified in the agreement. Haliburton County has a mutual aid agreement that results in all departments being called to the scene of a large structural fire that can't be handled by the municipal fire department even with the assistance of the municipalities they have agreements with and from time to time all departments call on mutual aid for assistance.

Schell, who was away at the time, said, "If we felt it was warranted we could have called the Gooderham hall out at any time." Schell also said that by the time everyone realized that they were actually responding to a structural fire, there was sufficient equipment in place to handle the situation.

Schell said that last fall, when he was upgrading the agreements with Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and the City of Kawartha Lakes, he and Highlands East Fire Chief Bill Wingrove started discussing a new agreement for coverage of Irondale. "But establishing a new agreement for coverage out of Highlands East is not a simple matter of the two chiefs coming to terms. It becomes a political decision with financial implications and changes are required within the 911 system."

Schell said that another concern raised about the Irondale Fire was that they had run out of water. "In discussion with my Deputy and one of the responders from the City of Kawartha Lakes, I discovered that we didn't actually run out. We were almost out, so we shut down several of our lines to conserve water."

Schell also said that several ratepayers had claimed that it took thirty to forty-five minutes to get water back to the scene, but according to his Deputy it had taken twenty minutes at the most. Schell said it wasn't unusual in remote areas to have to set up portable pumps. "Obviously, the quicker we are the better, but you have to deal with the elements you have to work with at the time."

Schell said that he had also heard arguments about the proximity of the Gooderham firehall to Irondale compared to Kinmount. "There is a 3.4 kilometre difference which is approximately two minutes at regular highway speeds."

Schell said that both departments had worked well together at the scene and he had every confidence in the world in their abilities. "We even saved the cat, which says something in itself."

Chief Wingrove confirmed that an agreement had been in place in the past with Minden Hills and that diminished manpower in Gooderham had been reason enough to concentrate on protecting their own area rather than spreading resources far too thin.

"Now that we're fully manned we're in a much better position to move forward with an agreement, depending on the political will," Wingrove said, adding that without sufficient manpower the municipality would have been facing liability issues.

"We can't take on the world if we can't cover our own area, but things have progressed and we're working to change the situation." In Wingrove's opinion a lot of fuss was being made over nothing. He also said that depending on the timing, fire fighters from Highlands East might have had to respond out of Wilberforce, so no time would have been saved.

Wingrove said that even though the Fire Marshall encourages aid agreements with neighbouring communities, they would have to carefully assess the risk of adding more territory to an area stretched to its limits.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton confirmed that the Irondale response was a situation where no finger pointing was necessary. "During the heat of the moment they used the resources readily available to them and did the best job they could."

While recognizing that the Gooderham firehall may be the closest in the municipality to Irondale, Burton pointed out that calls for assistance are responded to by Highlands East as a whole and not just by Gooderham.

Burton acknowledged that he is a huge supporter of mutual aid and how it is supposed to work throughout the county, particularly as there are no costs attributed to that kind of response. But he also said that an agreement between Minden Hills and Highlands East is something that his Council would consider carefully in the future. ■

The Silence of the Wolves Slaughtered Pack Discovered in Minden Bush

It appears that the recent attempts to whip up fear and hysteria regarding an increasing number of wolf sightings in Haliburton County is having its desired effect: on Tuesday this week a lone ATVer discovered at least seven slaughtered wolves in the bush just east of Minden. The wolves, which all appear to have been healthy, had been either shot or snared and dumped in a pile in the bush.

Ministry of Natural Resources Area Biologist Gerry Moraal was taken to the site, and investigation of these killings was immediately begun by the MNR Conservation Officers. The MNR's concern was that the killers would try to move them before an investigation could be completed. The Voice will have a complete report in next week's edition. ■



These disturbing pictures were taken Tuesday in the bush near Minden. The Voice realizes that the pictures may be upsetting to some people, but we felt the public interest in the issue warrants their publication. (Ed).

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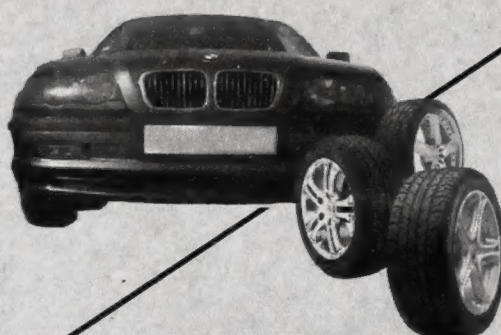
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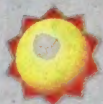
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▲ 18° ▼ 7°

FRIDAY



Continued sunny and mild

▲ 20° ▼ 10°

SATURDAY



Increasing clouds and a little warmer

▲ 21° ▼ 9°

SUNDAY



Cooler and breezy with showers

▲ 12° ▼ 6°

MONDAY



Becoming partly cloudy and cooler

▲ 9° ▼ -4°

TUESDAY



Becoming mostly cloudy and milder

▲ 13° ▼ 6°

WEDNESDAY



Breezy with showers likely

▲ 11° ▼ -1°

AROUND THE REGION: A ridge of high pressure will dominate the weather today with plenty of sunshine and highs near 18. Skies will be clear tonight. Lows will be near 7. It will remain sunny and mild Friday. Highs will be near 20. Clouds will be on the increase Saturday with showers likely Saturday night into Sunday.

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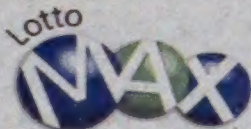
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TROPICAL CITIES

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Acapulco	31/21/su	31/22/su	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	28/24/ts	28/23/ts	32/27/su
Antigua	30/22/pc	30/21/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	27/21/su	29/21/su	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/25/pc	31/24/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	32/23/ts	33/23/ts	33/26/cl
Bermuda	19/14/sh	21/16/sh	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	27/17/su	27/17/su	29/23/pc
Cancun	29/22/pc	29/22/ts	32/26/pc	St Thomas	30/24/pc	29/23/ts	29/23/pc
Curacao	32/26/pc	32/25/pc	31/24/ts	St Maarten	30/24/pc	29/23/pc	28/23/pc
Freeport	26/18/su	27/19/su	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	31/21/ts	31/21/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/25/pc	31/24/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	31/23/su	29/23/ts	29/22/su
Havana	28/17/pc	29/18/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	34/21/pc	34/21/pc	32/22/su
Key West	26/18/su	26/18/su	27/21/pc	Santo Domingo	31/22/ts	32/23/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	29/24/ts	29/23/ts	33/32/su	Trinidad	34/24/su	34/24/su	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	18/7/su	20/10/su	21/9/pc	12/6/sh	9/-4/pc	13/6/pc	11/-1/sh
Barrie	19/8/su	21/11/su	22/9/pc	13/7/sh	10/-4/pc	13/6/cl	12/0/sh
Dorset	18/7/su	20/10/su	21/9/pc	12/6/sh	9/-4/pc	13/6/cl	11/-1/sh
Haliburton	18/7/su	20/10/su	21/9/pc	12/6/sh	9/-4/pc	13/6/cl	11/-1/sh
Huntsville	18/7/su	20/10/su	21/9/pc	12/6/sh	9/-4/pc	13/6/cl	11/-1/sh
Kingston	20/9/su	22/12/su	23/11/pc	13/8/sh	12/-1/pc	16/7/pc	13/1/sh
Lindsay	19/8/su	21/11/su	22/9/pc	13/7/sh	10/-3/pc	13/7/cl	11/0/sh
Minden	18/7/su	20/10/su	21/9/pc	12/6/sh	9/-4/pc	13/6/cl	11/-1/sh
Oshawa	20/9/su	23/12/su	23/11/pc	14/8/sh	12/-1/pc	16/8/cl	13/1/sh
Ottawa	19/4/su	21/8/su	23/9/pc	16/8/sh	9/0/cl	13/6/pc	12/1/sh
Toronto	20/9/su	23/12/su	24/12/pc	14/9/sh	12/-1/pc	16/8/cl	13/1/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	9/-4/pc	11/-2/su	7/-2/sh	8/-2/pc	7/-2/cl	10/-2/sh	11/-4/cl
Edmonton	6/-3/cl	6/-3/pc	1/-8/mx	0/-9/pc	2/-8/pc	1/-8/sn	-2/-9/cl
Fredericton	17/3/pc	19/4/pc	21/1/su	18/8/pc	13/7/sh	12/6/pc	12/4/cl
Halifax	15/8/cl	18/6/pc	18/8/su	19/8/pc	18/7/pc	11/1/su	10/6/cl
Montreal	20/3/su	22/6/su	23/8/pc	17/10/sh	10/4/cl	13/6/pc	12/2/sh
Regina	9/-4/pc	11/-2/pc	8/-2/sh	9/-2/pc	8/-2/cl	9/-2/sh	10/-2/pc
St. John's	12/4/sh	11/2/pc	7/4/pc	9/3/cl	7/0/cl	4/-3/cl	3/-5/pc
Saskatoon	6/-2/cl	7/-2/pc	6/-6/mx	4/-7/cl	6/-6/pc	6/-5/cl	1/-8/cl
Vancouver	8/2/pc	7/4/ra	10/6/sh	11/6/sh	12/6/sh	12/6/ra	12/6/ra
Whitehorse	1/-7/cl	2/-6/sf	-4/-11/sf	-4/-11/sf	-3/-9/sn	-4/-11/sn	-5/-11/sn
Winnipeg	12/-1/cl	11/-3/pc	1/-9/pc	0/-8/cl	2/-7/pc	2/-8/sn	0/-9/sn

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Monday 3/29	6°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 3/28	7°C	-1°C	3.7 mm
Saturday 3/27	5°C	-11°C	0.0 mm
Friday 3/26	-1°C	-12°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 3/25	5°C	-6°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 3/24	10°C	-3°C	1.6 mm
Tuesday 3/23	3°C	0°C	3.8 mm

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Fri. 6:53 a.m./7:43 p.m.	none/8:25 a.m.	
Sat. 6:51 a.m./7:44 p.m.	12:34 a.m./9:11 a.m.	
Sun. 6:49 a.m./7:46 p.m.	1:33 a.m./10:04 a.m.	
Mon. 6:47 a.m./7:47 p.m.	2:22 a.m./11:03 a.m.	
Tues. 6:46 a.m./7:48 p.m.	3:02 a.m./12:05 p.m.	
Wed. 6:44 a.m./7:49 p.m.	3:34 a.m./1:09 p.m.	



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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

Yes there are bears in them there woods!

I had not originally intended this letter to be printed, however some people feel it would be good to address comments made in Hafiz Makani's letter to the editor some weeks ago and the two cartoons I co-authored in the County Voice in past weeks. If I lived in a house as I did for many years having bears wandering thru the yard wouldn't bother me. Having a theatre with customers who on seeing a bear grab their kid by the hand and drag him, clutching his popcorn to see the bear is a whole other issue. 15 years ago the problem culminated one night, with a customer calling to say his daughter was outside the Theatre but couldn't get in because a bear who upset the garbage pail was sitting against the main doors. A bear family had taken up residence in the woods and began making regular nightly visits to scrounge what customers were throwing in the garbage pails.

I had to decide whether to shoot them, or look for some non lethal method of managing them.

Since the bears were here 10's of thousands of years before us, I could not see shooting them for foraging for food, unless they became a threat. While we could control the attractants like garbage etc. we couldn't control the smell of a 100 lb's of popcorn being made every night.

I finally decided on a plan to keep them away from the building and the customers. Eventually I had to acquire some 24 acres around the theatre to keep them from bothering the neighbours as well. This idea was met with some skepticism by some, but 15 years later the same family of 2 or 3 turns up year after year, and if we have been successful they are rarely seen from spring to hibernation. Last year I only saw them twice. Most of the people who are aware of their presence understand our efforts are directed at keeping them in the woods, away from people, and not at inviting them in.

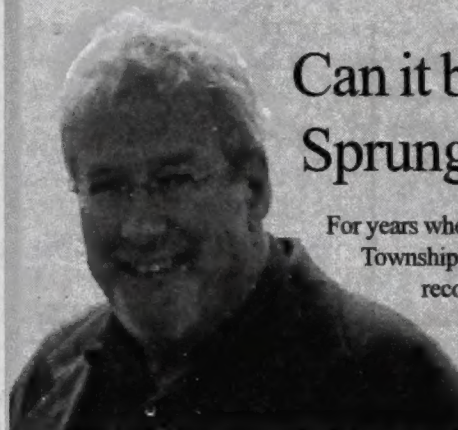
The second cartoon was based on an off the wall incident last spring. I was bringing some items up from the new candy bar, and I was piled them outside the back door. Suddenly a large hairy paw reached out beside me and I realized that a large 350 lb. adult bear I had never seen before was sitting on his butt less than 2 feet behind me watching the whole operation. After a short discussion regarding what was appropriate and what wasn't, he left for the woods to await a reward for leaving. It brought back memories of the one and only time I ever went camping and a bear decided to flatten the tent in the middle of the night.

I must admit I haven't seen wolves very often. I am not certain how many people will believe this story which happened when I was a small child, when dogs were still bow wows, probably under two. My father went with his boss Ralph Phillips, to find a weed

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Can it be True? Has Spring Sprung?

For years when we lived in the bush in the wilds of Guilford Township west of the Harburn Road we kept meticulous records of the comings and goings of much of the local flora and fauna, as well as daily weather observations. Our only human neighbours were the occasional lost snowmobiler, hiker, or hunter. Once every few months an invasive, blacked out Search and Rescue training plane would thunder down on our

little lake and marsh like an early Avatar star ship, sullen and remorseless. For hours after the bush would be silent, no birds singing, no squirrels or chipmunks darting.

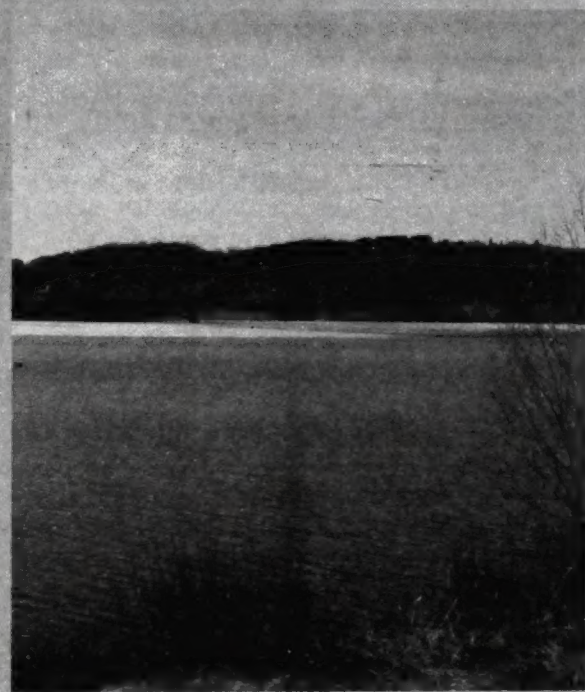
The subtle changes and variations that the slightest change in the weather produced in that highly localized micro environment constantly amazed us. The romantic view of the forest often sees it as a tranquil, calm, peaceful, 'refuge' from the edgy demands of town or city life. And so it can be sometimes. But behind that green stage curtain endless drama lurks, particularly on the edges of each change of season. As the land seizes up in November, releases in April, blooms and bursts in late June, and quietly prepares for sleep in the fall, virtually every aspect of forest, lake, and marsh life undergoes profound change. To be able to observe and learn from that was a great privilege, and a constant source of wonder.

But in the midst of all this change, there were some constants. The Osprey and Herons would arrive each spring within days, sometimes hours of each other each year, to fight over nesting sites in the Marsh. If the ice was still in they'd take a few days to reconnoitre and skirmish. Ditto the Loons and the ducks, the Phoebe and Swallows.

Oh yes, the ice. Over the years, despite winters that varied greatly in severity, the final disappearance of the lake and marsh ice happened over an amazingly short span, often within days of each other. The average was April 23rd. On larger lakes, this pattern repeats, with some wilder variations. Janet Bradley has been keeping meticulous ice and weather records on Dysart Bay in Koshlong Lake for almost 20 years. In that time the ice has gone out between April 15th and April 30th 15 times. In 1995 it disappeared on April 5th: in 98 and 99 it went out on April 12th. And in 1992 it lingered on to May 3rd.

Janet also has a partial record of 1986, when she believes the ice may have gone out by the end of March. I remember that year vividly. We were then living on the Burnt, and the spring was so warm we were swimming in the river happily by mid April.

So this wild spring may not be unique, but it is without question highly unusual. Head Lake will almost certainly be open by this weekend. The melt in the bush is almost over, due not only to the weather, but also to the lack of virtually any precipitation since January. The lake levels, as reported by Parks Canada, are holding their own, closer to the historic lows than the highs. And after two consecutive cold and wet summers, we can all be forgiven for hoping for a hot and dry six months. Just as long as wicked April winds don't swirl down and spoil the party. ■



Head Lake, Tuesday March 30th 2010.

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Haliburton Health Services Pries an Extra \$150,000 from the LHIN

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Health Services President and CEO Paul Rosebush was delighted to announce at last week's HHHS' Board meeting that he, along with Financial Chief Cathy Outram, had managed to convince the Central East LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) to increase this year's allocation by an additional \$150,000. "This will allow us to continue with our service plans for the coming year with no change, and with no deficit," said Rosebush.

At a time of increasing financial pressure, and under a mandate that allows for no deficits, this decision by the LHIN is a strong expression of support for the HHHS' financial management.

Rosebush and his staff clearly made the case that the \$150,000 was needed to cover cost increases that were endemic to the proper fulfillment of their mandate, and increasing demands. The provincial budget that came down on the same day as the Board meeting also contained some good news for the HHHS: a one and a half percent increase in Hospital Corporation budgets. "We had planned for a zero increase for our next fiscal year, so this will only help us maintain and possibly even increase some of our service," Rosebush told the Voice. "At the moment we don't know whether or not the extra money will be applied to our global budget, or whether it will be a direct subsidy to our capitol or operating accounts. We should have that answer by June."

Money will Flatten Projected Deficit

By any measure, however, the two announcements will ease the overall financial pressure the HHHS, along with every other hospital corporation in the province. But Board Treasurer and Director Warren Arsenault, always a realist, had to point out that the pressures our Health Services will face in the next decade will inevitably demand serious change in the funding/service dynamic. "I just don't think we will be able to sustain our service at this level over time unless change is made," Arsenault told the Voice.

CEO Rosebush also reported on his attendance at the recent Ontario Health Coalition meeting in Minden where the spectre of closing the Minden Hospital was raised. "I was able to point out unequivocally to the audience and to the Coalition that there are no plans whatsoever to close any service we're currently providing, anywhere in Haliburton County, and certainly not in Minden. But it was gratifying to hear so many tributes from the almost 100 people in attendance to our doctors, nurses, hospital staff and our health care services in Haliburton County: it was truly touching to hear first hand in what high regard we're held by our clients. I'm not certain that was a message the Coalition particularly wanted to hear, but we'll know more about that when they release their report in a few weeks."

Provincial Budget Also Good News for HHHS



EMS Director Pat Kennedy Outlines Service Challenges

In a separate presentation, EMS Director Pat Kennedy gave the Board an in-depth overview of the changes and challenges his department faces as it covers the 4000 sq. kilometres of Haliburton County with between three and four ambulances available 24 hours a day. (Kennedy couldn't help point out that Prince Edward Island is only slightly bigger in area, at 5660 sq. K., and has some 40 ambulances regularly on call).

Kennedy also detailed some of the difficulties his service faces as more remote parts of the County begin to be built up. "We're mandated to have an average response time of 26 minutes, four seconds: right now we average some 27 minutes, three seconds, which is pretty much acceptable to the Ministry. New developments in Kennisis Lake, Percy Lake, and Haliburton Lake mean that some response times are going to over an hour. And for some reason, no one knows why, calls have increased in Highlands East at an alarming rate. In 2007 we had 270 Highlands East calls: last year we had 411."

Another issue the Haliburton EMS faces is the wait times his drivers have to put up with when they transfer patients for tests in Lindsay or Peterborough. "Our drivers and vehicles sometimes have to wait for three or four hours for tests to be done – and during that time they will help out with calls in the local area. But in the meantime we're down a machine for our needs back home." In fact the whole issue of patient transfer services, which are now shared between the EMS and some private operators, is simmering away and in Kennedy's opinion some tough decisions will have to be made about the division of responsibilities. ■

More Letters to the Editor

Yes there are bears in them there woods!

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on the old Stata farm to treat the poison ivy infection Ralph had acquired, and as my mother was working I went along for the ride. In a move that proved not to be the smartest I was left locked in the car.

After they left I saw a bow wow, on the side of the road, managed to unlock the door and clamber down. When they returned I was sitting on the side of the road, petting the dog which was licking me. As it turned out my father was not impressed as apparently the bow wow, was actually a wolf, which then ran off. If there is any moral to this story, it's that not every animal should be tarred with the same brush because of the actions of a few.

Keith Stata
Kinmount ■

Dear Editor:

"We're Being Robbed"

As the Conservative government slices and dices federal programs in an attempt to cut the deficit, Canadian taxpayers feel the blade once again. Yet the fossil fuel industry, much of it foreign-owned, grows fat on ever-increasing handouts. The nuclear business enjoys the same largesse.

For example, Royal Dutch Shell recently received \$890-million of Canadian funds to experiment on carbon capture at their Quest facility in Alberta. Shell made \$27.56 billion in annual profits in 2008. Why does it deserve a handout more than the thousands of small businesses that were forced to close during this recession?

Does the Canadian government pay ordinary citizens to get rid of their garbage? No. We pay for that privilege. The oil companies are the largest and richest in the world, producing a highly profitable product. A barrel of oil. They don't need our money to dispose of their toxic by-products. Let them pay for that themselves. Then give the money back to the Canadian taxpayers.

Ecojustice reports that between 1996 and 2002, the Canadian government spent approximately \$8 billion on tax subsidies for the oil and gas industries. By contrast, the Harper government

eliminated the \$500 million EnerGuide Program to Low Income Households, which had helped vulnerable Canadians reduce their energy bills.

Let's look at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. "One of the largest sinkholes of government money probably in the history of Canada," as described by the Prime Minister's chief spokesman. Yet our government allocated \$824-million in the current fiscal year to this problem-plagued company. All the while, planning to sell it for a loss.

There's only one conclusion: we're being robbed.

Susanne Lauten,
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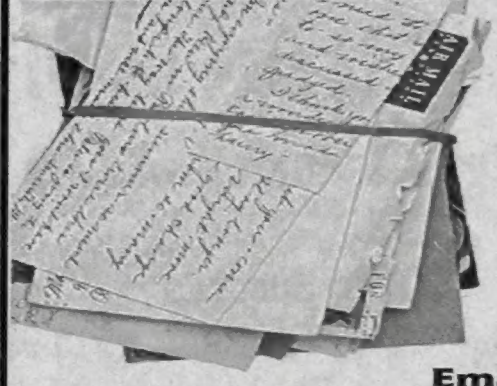


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“The case worker on my Dad’s case never even met him. How do you know what the situation is when you have never met him? They were never in the house once.”

Caregiver Cries Out for Help

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awake relief.

Coupled with the fact that the caregiver’s father has Alzheimer’s disease it’s been several, long and tumultuous months for her. When her father was placed into a Long Term Care facility it meant that relief could finally be provided for her mother. However he was placed in a care home that is an hour and a half drive away; a long drive for anyone to make regular visits but especially long for someone who has a terminal illness. “She wants to see her husband but she just can’t do the travelling anymore, it’s too much for her.”

The caregiver says, “The case worker on my Dad’s case never even met him. How do you know what the situation is when you have never met him? They were never in the house once.”

Furthermore it was brought to the caregiver’s attention, regarding her mother, that because she didn’t want to go into a long term care facility, “her file would be closed. She just wants to be at home and looked after there. I said to the case worker do you plan for us to ever sleep? One night I stay up, the next night my husband will.”

Just recently the caregiver and her husband managed to get respite help in Minden, the night before she was going in to use the respite bed they needed personal support help over the night. She says, “The PSW was told not to come that night because the next day we would be getting respite help. The next day we were then told when we went to take my mother to the respite bed that because her condition had regressed they won’t take her. They still want to put her into a LTC but again they told us if she didn’t take the bed they had found within 24 hours her file would be closed.”

At the Ontario Health Coalition held in Minden last week a PSW even stated “it’s not the shortage of workers, it’s the Community Care Access Centre, and they are withholding the nursing and homecare hours. Even people who need nursing they are waitlisted, everybody is put on a waitlist.”

In regards to the comments made by the personal support worker, a representative from the homecare workers union said, “We are finding there is an unwritten policy from the Ministry of Health to the CCAC’s saying we have a 25 billion dollar deficit, no more client referrals until our budget comes down.” To which the PSW said, “That’s exactly it.”

The caregiver says “I’m just overwhelmed every day, it’s just a fight, and I have to fight for everything. I’m just asking for a little bit more help in the house, because if you burn us out then there’s no one. Budget cuts are cuts but why do you stop providing the care? What about family and care?”

Gail Scala, Director of Communications at the Central East CCAC was notified of the caregiver’s concerns and commented, “I am very concerned about some of the statements that were made by the anonymous caregiver. Under privacy legislation we are unable to share any client’s healthcare situation, however, I’d like to stress that if this particular caregiver has concerns about her parent’s care I would urge her to contact the Central East CCAC branch office that is closest to her – and either speak with the Case Manager or with a Client

Services Program Director or have her contact me directly.

“In general I can tell you that while we do have a PSW waitlist for some clients, if a client is palliative, the Central East CCAC does not place those clients on a waitlist – they receive all assessed services in order to support their wish to die at home.

“On the topic of LTC placement, as you know, LTC homes are publicly funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the CCAC is mandated to coordinate the application process into these homes. Clients who are waiting for placement into a LTC home, receive a face-to-face assessment with one of our Case Managers or Placement Coordinators and would have identified three homes of their choice. If a bed in one of their choice of homes becomes available, the client or their designated Substitute Decision Maker would have to provide their consent in order to accept the bed offer. Unfortunately, as many LTC homes have a waitlist, there is never a guarantee that the client’s first choice will become available right away.

“If the client has accepted a bed in a home that is their second or third choice, their file will remain open with us if they wish to wait on a bed in their first choice home. Unfortunately, in some cases beds become available in LTC homes that are not in their immediate community or within a convenient travelling distance for family members.

“A client has 24 hours to accept or refuse a bed offer and should they refuse a bed offer, under legislation, their name will be removed from all waiting lists and they will have to wait six months before re-applying. However, it is important a client or their family members remain in close contact with our staff and should their health or living conditions change they need to let us know as soon as possible.

“Finally, I’d like to emphasize that regarding the quote concerning, “an unwritten policy from the Ministry of Health to the CCACs saying we have a 25 billion dollar deficit, no more client referrals until our budget comes down...” this is untrue and misleading. In the Central East CCAC we continue to provide services to over 30,000 clients on any given day and in 2009 we placed over 4,200 clients into LTC homes. We also continue to work closely with our hospital partners across our region to help alleviate Emergency Department wait times and reduce Alternative Level of Care beds.”

The caregiver was still upset with the level of care that her parents had received through the CCAC. In response to Scala’s comments she said, “I would like to say that I am aware of some of the information being in CCAC’s mandate. I do however stress the fact that when a case worker assigned to a terminally ill client demands a family member accept a placement for their loved one in an unsafe environment, well it’s appalling. (The caregiver’s father had become aggressive due to Alzheimer’s and the family was advised to place the caregiver’s mother in the same LTC facility and room).

“I am more than aware of the large case load these employees are saddled with but they need to take some time to research what options are the best for their clients.

“A palliative individual should be offered all necessary equipment and support to allow them to live with dignity. The family assisting with their parents care should be respected and not have the added stress of dealing with a daily battle to get the support their loved one requires.

“In the past year my mother was provided assistance for my father suffering from Alzheimer’s for two hours a week.

“I do thank the team from PACE who came into the home to evaluate the situation and assisted us. Thanks to people like you I am encouraged to think that this system may have to be accountable.” ■

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More Financial Woes for Minden Hills

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Just when things appear to be going smoothly, Murphy's Law has a nasty habit of kicking into gear and such was the case in Minden Hills last week. Poised to pass a fairly good news budget when compared to 2009, the Council was hit with the news that the contract to install the new elevated water tower had increased by almost a million dollars.

Despite the fact that the meeting on Thursday (March 25th) was fraught with water and sewer issues that will have a serious impact on municipal finances, that didn't deter the Council from proceeding with the passage of their budget totalling \$5.273 million dollars. There was one nay vote on the resolution, from Councillor Barbara Reid.

The 2010 budget as it stands represents a 4.85 percent increase to the municipal portion of Minden Hills' tax payers for residential properties before considering the County's 9.9 percent increase to their portion.

Elevated Water Tower

Bruce Bonner of D.M. Wills Associates in Peterborough presented Council with the tender results for the elevated water tower and told the members that he was as shocked as they were over the incredible increase in costs. The original estimate for the elevated tank alone was \$1.2 million dollars, but when the project was tendered after a delay in the approval process, the cost of the tank had increased to \$2.08 million. Among other changes to the original estimates, the servicing contract also increased by just over \$432,000.

Bonner put the increases down to the delay in tendering, higher volumes of work being encountered by the manufacturer and design improvements that have been made to the tank since the original estimates were prepared. Bonner said that the manufacturer supplies 90 percent of the tanks installed in the province. "Overall, the tank construction costs are much higher than anticipated but some of the costs are justified," he said.

Bonner had provided some cost saving measures, but commented that he wouldn't recommend them as it would only reduce the quality of the tower. He also said that another option would be to halt the project, something that he said would not be in the best interests of the municipality, given the legislated need to increase water pressure and the municipality's desire to promote development.

Bonner advised that while a cheaper option was available there would be no costs savings due to legal requirements and redesign work. He suggested that the municipality could seek additional infrastructure funding, draw from reserves to the greatest extent possible, debenture the additional funds or seek corporate financial assistance. He commented that Canadian Tire is unable to follow through with construction until the tower is in place and the municipality could consider offering them incentives.

Reeve Jim McMahon said, "These figures are staggering. How could we be so far out? It seems like every project we do comes in over estimates."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff put the increase down to corporate greed and Bonner agreed to a certain extent but reminded Council that there had been design changes that justified some of the cost.

Councillor Barbara Reid said, "I think we all know that the taxpayers will pay for the stimulus plan one way or another. The question is, do we still want to do this?"

Bonner advised that the system presently does not meet current requirements and fire protection will be much improved. Reid said, "If we all agree that we have to proceed where is the money coming from?"

Reid asked if the municipality could move funding from one stimulus project to another, but Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard suggested that discussion should be deferred to closed session. Blanchard did comment that there was no harm in approaching the government about reallocating funds or seeking additional funding.

In response to further inquiries from Council, CAO Gerry Morrison said, "I have discussed reallocating funds with our MP (Barry Devolin) and he is willing to work on that for us. He will provide us with contact information but this must be a decision of Council." Morrison added that Devolin had confirmed there would be another stimulus intake, which he said would allow the municipality to apply and piggy back funding with those already received.

McMahon said that he saw no other option than going forward with the project. "We have made a commitment to Canadian Tire and, besides not meeting regulations, there are several other developments waiting in the wings. We have 60 days according to the Treasurer, so let's try and find the money somewhere or debenture the project."

Finance Chair Peter Oyler agreed that the project had to proceed, but said he could not accept the option of a debenture as it would cost more in the long run. Oyler moved that Council go into closed session. Prior to going in camera Reid asked if Council was in a position to make a decision and it was generally agreed that they were.

Bonner cautioned Council that the tender price would have to be secured for the municipality. When the CAO inquired whether the completion date of the project would be affected if Council took the full 60 days to secure the funding, Bonner advised that he did not believe it would impact the completion of the project.

Before going in camera Abby Xerri, who was in the audience, appeared to be unhappy with the proceedings, asked if there was any opportunity for public comment. When he was advised there was not, he rose to leave but first said, "How dare you say that you represent all of the people."

Since the meeting an official press release has been issued by the CAO's office advising the public of the tender results. The release details two options for Council and staff to consider which include reporting the quandary that Minden Hills finds itself in to Infrastructure Canada (as the municipality's funding partner) in an attempt to obtain additional funding for the shortfall, or if that route is unsuccessful, requesting permission to reallocate existing infrastructure funding that has already been approved for other projects.

The press release also makes it clear that the Council sees the project as a priority for the municipality and that the public will be kept informed in efforts of openness and transparency.

Water & Wastewater Management Services Contract Renewed

During the March 25th meeting Council, somewhat unexpectedly, passed a resolution renewing the contract for management of the Minden Hills water and wastewater systems with the Ontario Clean Water Agency at an approximate cost of \$300,000 a year.

Three representatives from OCWA were present to detail their proposal to renew the contract

and made a quick power point presentation. OCWA Sales Representative Andre Ouellette spoke of the excellent working relationship that had been established with Minden Hills' staff members, of the hundreds of facilities across the province that they maintain, and provided a quick overview of their services including annual planning, maintenance management, regulatory compliance and emergency support for the system.

"Our people live in the communities and drink the water we treat," Ouellette said, adding that the company, as an agency of the government, is required to maintain the highest standards. He also said that OCWA had been designated as the emergency response team across the province and continually conducts annual emergency exercises.

Ouellette asked Council to consider renewing their contract at a fixed fee (which included a 3.47 percent increase for water management and a 3.94 percent increase for wastewater) for a five year term with a clause allowing for inflation. He also proposed entering into a new agreement to service Lutterworth Pines as that agreement was originally in response to emergency conditions.

When Ouellette's presentation was complete, Environmental and Property Operations Manager Peter Brown proposed that a resolution be presented to extend the contract. "In my opinion this has been an excellent company to deal with. They are very supportive and extremely helpful in training staff in an ever changing process."

While no resolution was listed on the agenda, a resolution to renew the contract was brought forward. Councillor Barbara Reid said, "It is clear that we have been well served (by OCWA) but we also have a purchasing policy and I believe we are obligated to open the contract up to a request for proposals. OCWA will have a clear advantage, but this is a lot of money and a big investment. We must ensure that we are being fair and open and are getting the best deal, so I cannot support the motion."

Councillor Peter Oyler inquired about the timing if the municipality proceeded to invite RFP's and Brown commented that part of the contract would have to be reviewed. He reminded Council that they had the option to renew the contract for another five years but that Council was required to give OCWA six months notice if the contract is to be tendered, adding that it would take several weeks to get an RFP together.

"It would be a tight time line but theoretically it can be done," said Brown.

When Oyler asked Brown to comment on other agencies that provide a similar service in Ontario, Reid suggested that the question was unfair. Oyler, apparently angered over protocol, directed a fierce outburst at Reid, and for a brief moment absolute silence prevailed.

Brown broke the silence, saying, "Minden Hills has had a very successful run with OCWA."

McMahon said, "When this contract was initially tendered OCWA was successful. They have the experience and knowledge of our operations. If we go to tender and they aren't successful we will have to establish a whole new regime of training and familiarization. My vote is to renew the contract."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch supported McMahon's comments and called for a vote. In a four to two vote (with Councillors Reid and Ratcliff voting against the resolution) the contract was renewed. ■

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Lois Raw Goes Big at Recent Exhibition

By Mark Arike, Marketing Associate
Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands

Putting Lois Raw near a set of pastels is akin to reuniting someone with a long lost relative. The connection is almost instantaneous and an undeniable bond quickly forms right from the first close encounter.

Raw's love affair with the arts started when she was a young child: the moment she caught her first glimpse of her aunt working magic on a canvas was the moment she became hooked.

"From a very early age I had watched her do her art," explained Raw in a recent interview at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. "She worked in pastels, in oils, in gouache... because I saw that it just seemed like a perfectly natural thing to do."

Raw was born and raised in Toronto, and spent most of her professional career teaching in the city. In 1981 she took a two-year leave of absence to teach in Borno State, Northern Nigeria. When she returned she quickly travelled yet again to teach with the Department of Indian Affairs in Red Sucker Lake, Manitoba. After 31 years of teaching she retired and moved to the Highlands.

Even during her teaching career, Raw was a practicing artist who took many courses to improve her skills. The Haliburton School of the Arts played an integral role in those learning experiences.

"I took a lot of courses there," Raw recalls, pointing out that two instructors in particular had a significant influence on her as a visual artist. "I learned a lot about pastel and colour in Al Van Mil's classes and John Lennard provided a great deal of solid technique in life drawing."

Most recently, Raw's exquisite pastel work was featured alongside other artists Michael Bainbridge and Wayne Rose in the Logo(s) exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (which ended on March 13). For the show she didn't stray too far from what she's accustomed to doing, except this time she chose to go big – real big.



Photo By George Farrell



Photo By Michael Bainbridge

In the large open room of the gallery, three 90 x 66" vibrant pieces could be seen spread across each wall. Raw gained inspiration to create the massive, one-of-a-kind pieces from a combination of the travels she took in Canada and abroad.

"I favour landscapes because I think I have a

feel for the land," she explains. "I came up with these from my travels up the coast of Labrador – which was very evocative – and South America." The delicate depictions capture waterfalls, rocks and colourful sky hues.

These particular pieces aren't showing off actual locations, but instead are more of a blend of what Raw saw when she reflected back on her various journeys.

"I didn't have photographic references for any of these – they are all out of my head," she said.

Raw has always drawn inspiration from the landscape; she is especially fond of the beauty that is always present in the Highlands.

"I really like the Canadian Shield, love the winter and our wildlife."

In addition to landscapes, Raw also loves to draw scenes and people. She just put out a series of cats that she painted in acrylics, and in her Minden series she highlights parts of the downtown – especially the Riverwalk.

When looking at her striking illustrations, one would think that a decent amount of time when into the planning process. Raw, on the other hand, prefers spontaneity and going with the flow.

"I do them [illustrations] fast; I like to keep them fresh looking," she admits.

What's next for Raw? She is presently working on commissioned pieces. During the month of August she will be part of the "Six Women" show at the Heritage Café in Haliburton. On Aug. 4 you can catch her at the Art in the Village event at the Minden museum grounds. She's also planning on doing a series for Haliburton just like she did for the Sesquicentennial committee in Minden. Some of her Minden pieces are still available for purchase at The Crowne Gallery.

Raw resides near Carnarvon with her cat and two dogs in a former schoolhouse she calls Queen's Line Studio. The studio is open by appointment only.

To learn more, email her at ljraw@sympatico.ca or call 705-286-1083. The YouTube video can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErzKIHxeDUY. ■

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Ten Years of U-Links in Haliburton

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Celebrating Research in Haliburton County

There was a celebration of Research at Fleming College on Saturday, March 20th for U-Links Centre for Community Based Research. 2010 marks 10 years of U-Links in Haliburton.

U-Links is a project of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative and is supported by Trent University and the Township of Minden Hills. U-Links works in co-operation with their program delivery partner in Peterborough County, the Trent Centre for Community-Based Education. Their purpose is to link organisations and businesses in Haliburton County with research needs to University and College students and professors who are interested in undertaking community-based research projects.

Director Heather Reid said the day was a chance to celebrate "the work of students and faculty who put so much time into their projects. It's also about showcasing community projects."

Dr. John Wadland, a retired professor from Trent University and one of the founding members of U-Links spoke of the real founder of U-Links as Dr Mary Northway. The professor explained, "In the 1930s Northway purchased a piece of land on Lake Kushog and turned it into a girl's camp. She was a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto and had a long career in camping. She eventually turned the camp into a cottage after she became too old to run it. Mary really liked what we were doing at Trent and told us she would eventually be donating the building to us. However she told us it was on one condition, we would have to give back to the community and as citizens of Haliburton County we had a responsibility to help."

"We eventually came up with the idea of developing a course on bio-regionalism; it would join together a science approach with social science. It was a wonderful experience for us academically but the focus of the report would be Haliburton. The idea was about holding an open house to invite the community to talk about issues that they wanted resolved. 15 of us came together and began a project which exists to this day as U-Links. The evolution of the project has made it grow into a much more mature plan and a benchmark for other communities."

Guest speaker, Professor and Director of the Monieson Centre, Yolande Chan spoke at the event about Economic Development in Haliburton County. The Monieson Centre is located at the Queens School of Business which conducts their own community based research. They work in communities in Ontario and across Canada.

In February last year a three hour workshop was held at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Eighteen community leaders and business people from Haliburton County gave feedback on the community's economic development needs and research questions. The workshop was hosted by U-Links in partnership with Haliburton County and the Haliburton County Development Corporation and was facilitated by the Monieson Centre as part of the Knowledge Impact in Society project. The KIS project is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

It was found that the top three priority issues in Haliburton were strategic planning, economic diversification and labour migration and attraction.

So far the Monieson Centre has met with 24 communities in the past two years in Ontario, to find out the challenges faced by rural communities. The workshop found that the residents wanted to find a way to attract skilled workers to the region and to pay attention to non traditional industries as a way of addressing the loss of traditional industries. They wanted research conducted on infrastructure, the creative economy and downtown improvement.

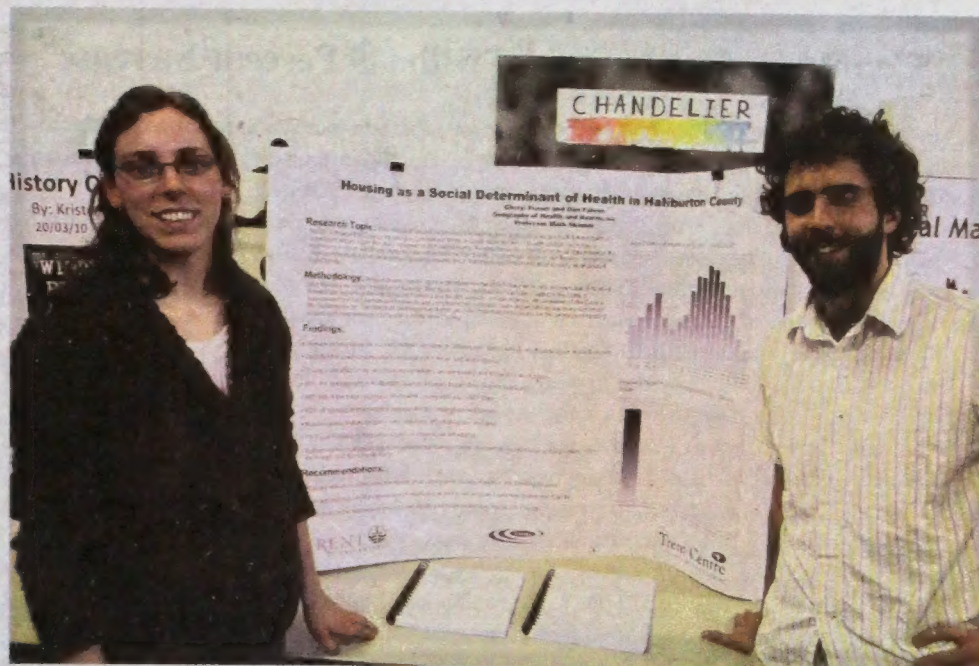
Chan said that Fleming College was making "a huge difference with its presence in the community and with the wonderful arts community."

Afterwards poster displays by the current year's student research projects at Trent and others presented by organisations within the community were available to view. Organisations such as Community Care Haliburton County, Friends of the Rail Trail, Kennisis Lake Fishery, Aging Well in Haliburton County all provided poster displays.

One project that was at the celebration which was completed by two students from Trent University, Cheryl Fraser and Dan Fahrur, titled, "Housing as a Social Determinant of Health in Haliburton County." They noted that, "housing is considered to be a social determinant of health and as such has a significant impact upon the daily experience of healthy living. In particular rural communities experience unique housing issues thus making research in Haliburton County an important opportunity."

The partners said that it was enjoyable to complete a project that was meaningful rather than just gaining a grade. They said that the idea of homelessness is more visible in urban spaces than rural areas. Someone may have a roof over their heads but still struggle daily to pay utilities. Furthermore their house could be in disrepair leading to illnesses from the poor housing they live in.

The celebration highlighted the important organisation that U-Links has become since its inception as a grass roots initiative to a critical group in Haliburton County. ■



Cheryl Fraser and Dan Fahrur stand next to their student poster display about poor housing being a link to poor health at the U-Links Celebration of Research Event



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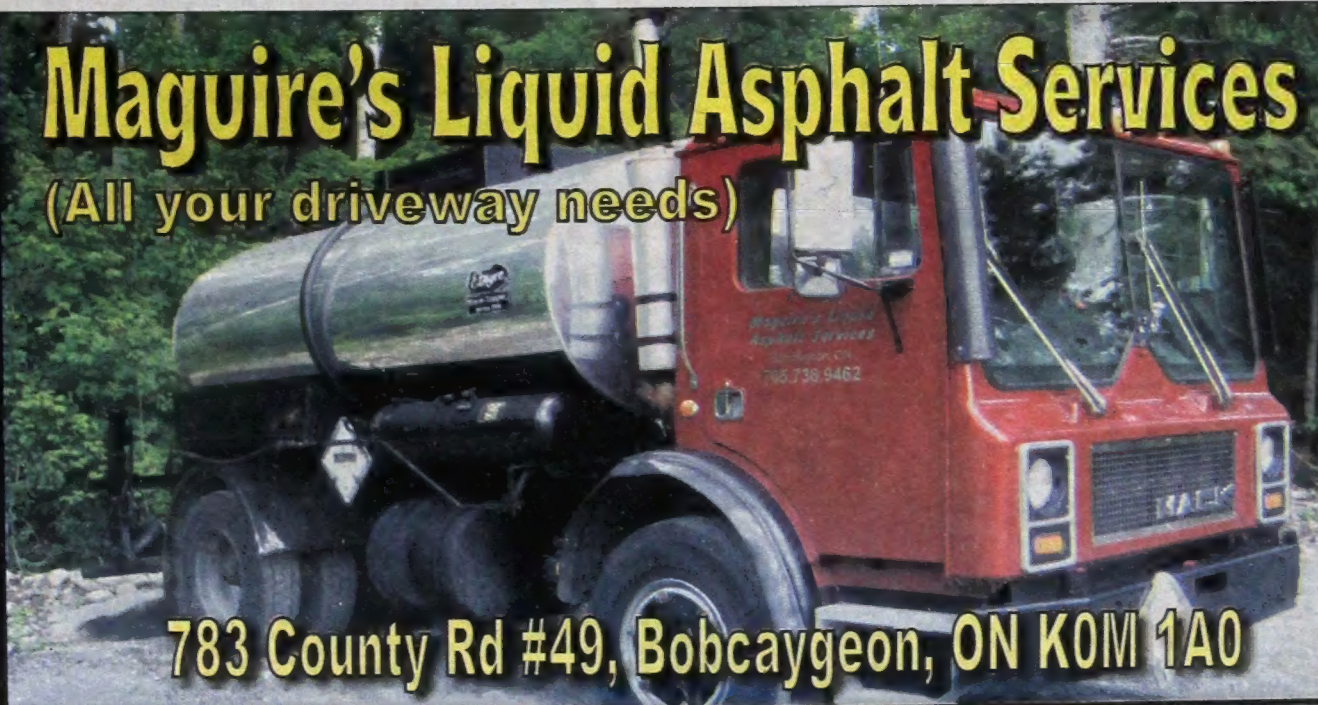
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County Council Summary

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Staff Reporter

County Budget Approved with 9.9 Percent Increase

Last week County Council unanimously approved a 9.9 percent increase to their budget which will result in a net total of \$11,325,600. This increase is directly attributed to the \$1.2 million dollar reduction in provincial funding through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

Providing a few outstanding highlights, Treasurer Laura Janke voiced some concern over the status of reserves which will be close to a balance of \$4.1 million dollars in 2010. "Based on our levy, that amount is still low according to Municipal Affairs," Janke said, but added that given the county's low debt load compared to other counties or municipalities, their financial position is reasonable.

"These are tough times and it is hard to build up reserves," she said.

Janke said that \$400,000 remained in bridge reserves that could be used as the County's share of potential road projects, if stimulus funding becomes available.

Broadband reserves stand at \$560,000, but Janke reported that \$300,000 of that will be transferred to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus project for rural broadband. "It is a three year project that should see 98 percent of our residents with high speed one way or another," she said, adding that the County is committed to an equal contribution next year.

Reviewing the total of \$26,000 in requests for funding, Janke advised that \$5,000 would be allocated to the Children's Water Festival, \$20,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association as part of a multi-year commitment and \$1,000 for Community Action (Party in the Right Spirit).

Janke also reported that instead of the estimated three percent, there would be a \$28,000 increase in the payment to MPAC. Janke commented that, "the total cost is almost a million dollars and we have no control over that."

The Council unanimously passed the by-law establishing property tax rates for upper tier purposes.

In a notice of motion, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey asked that the County's hiring policy be brought forward at the next regular meeting of Council.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison congratulated the staff for their hard work in reducing the budget from a 17 percent increase to a 9.9 percent one. "Being told to cut by as much as they have was not an easy job for our department heads and they certainly deserve our thanks."

Warden Dave Burton mirrored Harrison's comments of appreciation to staff, saying that given these particularly lean times, the result is fair and acceptable.

Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said, "I hate to see services diminish or reserves decimated, but I don't believe we have done that. This was a difficult job, well done."

E-Learning Network Reaches out to County

Shanthi Bascombe, eLearning Coordinator, has asked County Council to help her get the word out that anyone wanting to return to school will find the www.elearnnetwork.ca an excellent resource to explore. Bascombe made a presentation to Council last week, detailing the history and benefits of her program.

Fleming College has donated space for the eLearn Network in Haliburton, where Bascombe provides assistance to students to find on-line opportunities. She said that the service is available to everyone, there are flexible hours in both comfortable and quiet surroundings and the network helps to bring the colleges and universities closer to the community.

"We have blown away all expectations in Haliburton County," she said. "Since May 1st we have supported 29 unique students in 83 course registrations." Bascombe says that one of the largest resources she offers is support and the eLearn Network helps students to find the right path while working in conjunction with employment services.

If a student doesn't have high speed they can come to the centre and use the computers available there in a quiet environment and with support immediately available.

There are over 7500 courses offered through the eLearn Network from a high school equivalency to a college diploma or university degree. According to Bascombe, the opportunities offered are perfectly suited to someone who has been laid off and is looking for work, or for someone who is considering a career change or second career.

"One of the best things is that the service is fully funded and offered to students free of charge," she said adding that they can usually find a fit for anyone that comes in the door.

But according to Bascombe, the key to providing the service is spreading the word that it is available. She enlisted Council's help in reaching people in some of the more remote communities across the County.

Anyone interested in further information can e-mail haliburton@elearnnetwork.ca or call Bascombe directly at 705-455-9528.

County Hits Legal Snag in Providing GPS and On-line Information

During a report to County Council last week, Director of Planning Jane Tousaw advised that she had hit a bit of a snag in a data sharing agreement with NAVTEQ.

NAVTEQ has been touted as a world leader in high quality digital map data which can be found onboard most in-vehicle navigation systems sold across North America. It's also one of the driving forces behind a generation of important navigation services, including enterprise/fleet/GIS solutions.

Tousaw reported that the company had requested a data sharing agreement to access the County's road network as part of their mandate to provide accurate online and GPS information to the public when travelling in and through Haliburton County. Tousaw advised Council that the main challenge in providing the information has been that the company doesn't want to sign the County's standard agreement, something that could create concerns over liability.

NAVTEQ's legal department has requested a number of changes to the standard agreement which would effectively provide them with unlimited use of the County's data for retail purposes without holding the County harmless or providing any acknowledgement to the County. "County Council should not be on the hook for misinformation," Tousaw said.

Tousaw reported that planning staff recognizes that the information provided by suppliers of online mapping and GPS products is seriously deficient at the present time and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that he hoped the matter would be resolved given that at present it is difficult to find your way around Haliburton when using Map Quest.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison commented that the GPS system isn't new and that other counties must have dealt with the same problem. Tousaw confirmed that other counties have the same issue. She said that in more inhabited areas the companies will actually drive the road systems and they are trying to determine how to provide the information on Haliburton without actually having to do the driving.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon commented that he didn't think the County should enter into an agreement without being held harmless. "It would be completely irresponsible," he said.

In the absence of a formal agreement Tousaw recommended providing written authorization to NAVTEQ to use the Community WebGIS as a source to verify its database information and an offer made for the company to purchase a County atlas.

County Receives Forest Conservation By-law Report

James Rogers, Forest Conservation By-law Officer has had a busy year, as evidenced by the summary of his activities over the past year and his report to Council last week.

Rogers reported that the number of permits issued under the Forest Conservation By-law has increased and that of the 5196 acres that were harvested, 58 percent was harvested using good forestry practices and 42 percent harvested using the tree diameter limit system. Rogers advised that this represents a small, but significant increase in the use of good forestry practices.

"Although I have had some problems, corrective measures were applied and almost everyone seemed willing to correct issues," he said.

Rogers reported that at the present time, permits are assessed on a case-by-case basis and a lot of time is spent assessing tree markings in the field. Rogers said he had drafted a notice to tree markers advising them of their obligations when marking trees. Noting that there were no dates on

the notices, Fearrey inquired whether time was given to comply. Rogers confirmed that time would be given to upgrade certifications and he would be working closely with the tree markers.

Rogers also reported that he was preparing for enforcement on the Rail Trail and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner advised that during a recent Community Policing Advisory Council meeting

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Highlands East Budget Suggests Modest Increase

By Liz Danielsen

Formal approval of the budget in Highlands East is still several months away, but a preliminary review by Council last week suggests that considerable effort has gone into keeping increases to the municipal portion of their tax bill to a dull roar. But that will only marginally soften the blow to. When the 2.45 percent municipal increase is added to the County's 9.9 percent increase, the overall impact to residents will still be an increase of 12.35 percent.

Under the careful control of CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig and her department heads, the municipality has realized a surplus once again and the \$280,000 goes a long way to helping to reduce costs for 2010. Supplementary taxes, tax land sales, increased royalties and new waste management initiatives, when added to unanticipated building permit fees and penalties and interest all contributed to the 2009 surplus.

Stoughton-Craig delivered a message that has been heard several times across the County over the last two months during budget preparations; that if the Council wants to maintain existing programs and infrastructure, taxes cannot be decreased further. "Otherwise our infrastructure will fall down around our

ears," she said.

The CAO advised Council that the budget was further impacted by the loss of \$153,750 in Ontario Municipal Partnership Funds, the write-off of over \$35,000 in tax revenue, a three percent increase in wages, the cost of the election later this year, the need to upgrade five computers and the loss of investment income.

Before hearing from the department heads, Council reviewed a list of donation requests for 2010. These included consideration of both Haliburton County and Bancroft Community Care, a get well/bereavement fund, the local After School Program and a one-time payment for a new Community Care North Hastings transit bus. Further consideration will also be given to U-Links, the Tory Hill Farmers' Market and the Brush with the Highlands plein air festival.

Roads Superintendent Earl Covert made a pitch to Council for a new snow plow truck, tag-a-long trailer and three-quarter ton truck with plow. He also outlined plans for resurfacing Irondale Road and Pine Drive and advised that some funds had been included in the budget for anticipated bridge and culvert repairs. Covert also warned Council that resources in their gravel pit were running out quickly and that the costs for granular material will be increasing considerably in the near future.

Covert also recommended utilizing gas tax funds to hardtop Ojibway road. He confirmed that it is a high maintenance road with a lot of traffic and Council agreed that staff should start the application process to use the funding for this project. Stoughton-Craig suggested that, should estimates come in higher than anticipated, the project could be carried over several years as further gas tax funding becomes available.

Fire Chief Bill Wingrove then reviewed changes to the fire department's budget, which included a \$5,720 increase in rescue material, \$36,000 in points and training, \$27,000 for a new compressor and approximately \$68,000 for repairs to existing firehalls. Wingrove advised Council that he had allowed \$6,000 to complete his office on the lower level of Station 4. He asked for and received authorization to proceed with the work, most of which he planned to do himself. Part of the department's budget included taking \$106,000 from reserves to pay down the cost of new fire trucks purchased in 2008.

Other costs considered during the meeting included a generator for the Highland Grove Community centre, a fire alarm system, roof repairs and the costs of changing the name for the Glamorgan Community Centre, a fire alarm system and new furnace for the Lloyd Watson Community Centre and a new chiller and substantial repairs in the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena (totalling as much as \$175,000). A new three-quarter ton truck with plow and a new lawn mower has been included for the Parks Department, \$30,000 has been budgeted to complete the Official Plan update and an additional \$25,000 set aside for upgrades to accessibility.

The Highlands East budget is not expected to be passed until late May at the earliest and will remain under review until that time. ■

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the subject of partnering with the OPP on patrols was raised. According to Gardner the OPP were pleased with the opportunity to increase their visibility and while they can't enforce County by-laws they will be able to enforce incidents of trespassing.

Mobile Dental Unit a Possibility for Haliburton

During a review of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit's minutes, Warden Dave Burton advised the Council of the possibility of a new dental program geared to low income families.

Burton said, "The dentists in the area are already overloaded and reluctant to take part. The Health Unit will be working with the County of Peterborough on the possibility of bringing a mobile unit into the area."

Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis applauded the fact that the unit could augment the services of local dentists, but voiced concern that it could also lead to the loss of a dentist. Burton reminded Davis that the program was geared to low income families who may not be visiting local dentists. "To me this is an indication that we should be looking for another dentist."

Harrison commented that this was excellent news for the County. "If our dentists are too busy now, they won't be losing any businesses over this."

Burton commented that a concern had been raised about the cost of transportation, given the distances that some clients may have to travel, but the program has been endorsed by the Health Unit. ■



Police Reports

Charge Laid in Assault Investigation

A Bobcaygeon male faces an assault charge in connection with an incident which took place outside a Bobcaygeon residence over the weekend.

On Saturday morning (27 March) at approximately 3:30 a.m. the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP investigated the incident which occurred at an East Street residence in the village of Bobcaygeon. Investigation revealed that a male suspect had assaulted another male during an altercation outside the residence. The male victim had been transported to Lindsay's Ross Memorial hospital for treatment.

As a result of the investigation, Blake HICKSON, age 18, was arrested and charged with one count of assault cause bodily harm. HICKSON was released from custody and will appear in court May 6th, 2010 in Lindsay, Ontario. ■

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A Foot-stompin' Evening at the Carpenter's Inn

Bluegrass and country fans stomped, clapped and tapped to "Fox on the Run" and "Dueling Banjos" last Sunday as the Good Brothers made a return visit to the Carpenter's Inn and performed their evening concert, the second of the day. Twins Brian and Bruce, along with younger brother Larry and bass player Kevin Luciani traded off guitar, banjo, bass, harmonica, dobro and auto-harp during the two and a half hour home concert. The foursome didn't overlook the diehard country fans either, Ray Price's "Heartaches by the Number" (written by Harlan Howard), "Do you need any help....no help wanted" by Bill Carlisle and Sonny James' "Young Love" were on the play list to the delight of the traditional country-western fans.

"Do we have any bluegrass fans here?" Brian Good asked from center stage. After the cheering subsided, he lightheartedly continued, "good, because we're going to play a Celtic tune".

And so it went, bluegrass, country and Celtic, with a pinch of rock along with a touch of gospel to celebrate the Sunday concert. Bruce, the storyteller of the group, reveled in his tales, which often resulted in eye-rolling and good-natured quips from fellow musicians. The place was packed, and the fans were happy!

The Good Brothers hail from Richmond Hill, ON and have been a fixture on the Canadian bluegrass-country scene for decades. It's not often that Haliburton County hosts a group with eight consecutive Juno awards and a place in the Canadian Country Hall of Fame. Johnny Burke, a Canadian country legend in his own right, provides the venue and shares the fruit of his years of music contacts with friends in the Highlands. Home concerts hosted by Johnny and his wife Teresa, provide an atmosphere where music lovers can relax and not have to contend with the often noisy, crowded and sometimes rowdy bar scene. It's all about the music, not smoking, not drinking, not one-night stands, coffee was as strong as it got, and nobody was doing any complaining.

Johnny Burke, and his famous East Wind band will be performing at the Carpenter's Inn on April 25th, and this coming October the New Brunswick Country Hall of Fame inductee will be celebrating 50 years in the music business.

For information on upcoming entertainment at the Carpenter's Inn call 705-455-9177, or check out Johnny Burke's website at <http://johnnyburke.com/> ■



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Heather Kennedy, Stouffville



Joe Graham, Gooderham

We were outside the entire time so I guess we didn't use electricity that night! We also use a woodstove instead of our baseboard heaters to help save energy. I think it would cut back on hydro however it would be better if it was the whole day rather than hour. If they did the event once a month rather than once a year then it would make a world of difference.

I didn't do anything, I was too busy. I never really put much thought into it. You're not going to save that much power or energy for just an hour if people are doing it once a year. If you pay for it you might as well use it.



Marina Thomazo, Minden



Tom Wilkinson, Haliburton

We didn't watch TV or use the computer for an hour. It's definitely worth doing, I wish it could be longer and more often that the event happens. Even for just an hour it would definitely help save energy across the world if numerous countries are participating. It's making a change and also bringing awareness.

We weren't at home on Saturday but last year we turned the lights off for an hour. I think the event is more about bringing attention to the idea of energy conservation. It makes people aware of the current situation and what needs to be changed.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



El Nino's Decline



NASA scientists say the current El Niño ocean warming in the tropical Pacific may finally be weakening. NASA's and the European Space Agency's Jason-2 oceanography satellite observed a surge of warm water spreading eastward toward the coast of South America from late January through February. Oceanographers believe it could be about the last in a series of "Kelvin waves" that have altered worldwide weather patterns since last June. The U.S. Climate Prediction Center says it expects El Niño's impacts to wane slowly through this June. But computer models differ on what might happen after that. Lingering impacts into the Northern Hemisphere summer could range from cooler-than-normal temperatures and above-average precipitation in much of the southern U.S. to unusually warm and dry conditions in many parts of the northern U.S..

Dengue Emergency



Health officials across Latin America are bracing for an acute outbreak of potentially deadly dengue fever after recent reports of a particularly virulent strain of the mosquito-borne disease. The Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) says about 146,000 cases of dengue have been reported across the Americas so far this year, with 79 of the victims dying from the viral infection. During the same period last year, only 79,000 cases with 26 fatalities were reported. Symptoms include fever and muscle ache, with the most severe cases resulting in hemorrhaging and death. The PAHO says the hardest-hit countries are now Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela. Global warming is thought to be responsible for spreading the disease to countries that were previously unaffected.

Icelandic Eruption



Fountains of lava blasted out of a snow-covered landscape in Iceland as Eyjafjallajökull volcano awakened from nearly 200 years of slumber. At least 500 people were forced to evacuate as scientists warned that the far more dangerous Katla volcano always erupts after Eyjafjallajökull begins to spew. Vulcanologists say that Mount Katla could become "enormously powerful" if it awakens from beneath a nearby glacier. An eruption in the mid-1780s of another powerful Icelandic volcano, Laki, had disastrous consequences downwind in Europe. Airborne volcanic debris altered weather patterns, causing crop failures and lowering temperatures for years. Poisonous gas from the eruption killed many people in the British Isles after it was carried across the far North Atlantic by prevailing winds.

Arctic Rebound



Conservation efforts and other factors have brought about a significant increase in Arctic wildlife over the past 40 years, according to a new report. But the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program, which prepared the report, said that animal populations closest to the North Pole are shrinking. The Arctic Species Trend Index says that hunting restrictions are likely responsible for the number of geese doubling and certain species of whales rebounding. But northern herds of caribou declined by about a third over the same period, according to the report. "What we're seeing is that there's winners and losers with rapid changes in the Arctic," said Canadian government researcher and study co-author Mike Gill. Biologist Louise McRae points to the Arctic warming faster than anywhere else in the world as a possible cause for the population declines at the highest latitudes.

Earthquakes



A light aftershock of Haiti's disastrous Jan. 12 temblor may have killed three people who perished when an apartment building collapsed in the middle of the night. A 3.7 tremor occurred less than three hours before the collapse.

• A 5.6 magnitude quake centered in eastern Cuba opened cracks and fissures in 19 buildings and 316 homes in the country's second-largest city, Santiago de Cuba.

• Earth movements were also felt in southern Peru, southern New Zealand, western Sumatra, the western Philippines, central Oklahoma, northern Nebraska and around San Diego, Calif.

Tropical Cyclones



Former Category 5 Cyclone Ului uprooted trees and ripped air-conditioning units from the sides of homes as it moved ashore with storm force on Australia's Queensland coast.

• Cyclone Imani churned the open waters of the Indian Ocean as Tropical Storm Omais formed near Micronesia.

Monarch Losses



A brutally damp and icy February in the monarch butterfly's winter home left the species devastated as the colorful insects were about to embark on their northward migration to the United States and Canada. During what is normally one of Mexico's driest months, butterfly colonies in the mountain forests of Michoacan state were battered with 15 inches of precipitation, which included sleet, snow and freezing rain. Fewer butterflies had arrived in Mexico last fall than ever before, making the February deaths even more troubling.

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Country Home - \$239,500

Make sure to call me for an appointment to see through this very well built and nicely decorated all brick home, only minutes from Minden. Featuring three bedrooms, two full fireplaces, the spacious open concept living room and family room are sure to please! Full walk out basement with a two car attached garage, two baths, large deck, detached storage building and more. Was \$249,500. New price now \$239,500 Photo gallery at www.BillKulas.com



Virtual Tour

Country Estate - \$459,500

Situated on a very private and picturesque 183 acres with a spring fed swimming pond and pine plantation. Located on the outskirts of Carnarvon, the original log home was built circa 1865. Very unique home with two detached garages, large workshop and barn. If you are looking for that special getaway, then this may be the one! Check out the photo gallery at www.BillKulas.com

**Cathy* Lancia & Shirley Rule**
Kennis Lake Office
754-4242**Redstone Lake - \$319,700**

A country cottage with great decor, lots of upgrades include: water system, painting, new kitchen and bath. Full walk-out basement & electrical system upgraded in last 5 years. Electric baseboard & WETT certified woodstove, heat line to the water heats the water system. Open view facing SE and sand entry on the other side of the quiet road is owned. The new screened porch is not complete but is a nice addition for a private afternoon. Enjoy the muskoka chairs on the front deck with glass railings facing the water.

**Piccadilly Bay - \$549,000**

Here's your chance to own your own piece of paradise on prestigious Piccadilly Bay. This spacious 3 bedroom cottage has cathedral ceilings, an open plan Great Room and a beautiful screened Sun Room. It sits on a sloped to gently sloped lot with an awesome view straight up the bay. Living space can be doubled if the lower level is finished, which is presently accessed from the exterior. There's also a Bunkie for that extra company and a sandy beach area for young and old alike. Check out the private setting.

**Debra Lambe**
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ext. 244**Superb Lakefront - \$449,000**

Log/frame cottage/home on absolutely fabulous level lot w/sand beach/east exp/big lake view/good privacy. This 2 BR/2 bath (potential for a 3rd. BR) cottage features renovated kit w/cupboards & pine ceiling, bright LR w/river rock stone fp, lots of windows & pic wic pine walls, lg log fam rm, laundry room. Pine ceilings & floors in most of home and pine int. doors. Other features incl log & cedar ext. lg lakeside deck off home & at shore. Good docks, circ. drive, high speed internet. Presently bunkie w/loft being

**Haliburton Lake - \$469,000**

Spacious 4 season-5 B.R. lakefront family cottage/home on popular Haliburton Lake. Excellent rental property. Large (.88 ac), level, private lot w/southern exp. & 179 ft. of sensational sand beach. Lots of room for a garage. Interior boasts warm pine sunrm, lg kit w/breakfast bar, open concept DR & LR, games/recrm w/pool table, wraparound decking, hot tub. Completely furnished! Great neighbourhood of homes and cottages home, rental or home business location.

**Denise LeBlanc**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 33**All Brick Bungalow - \$199,900**

This well kept solid brick bungalow is conveniently located minutes from Minden w/year round access & Minden Lake access close by. 3 Bdrms, 2 baths and features oak kitchen w/ceramics, 2 propane fireplaces, full finished basement, propane hot water tank, & attached garage. Recent upgrades include shingles, septic, windows & exterior doors. Set on almost 1 ACRE and a big private backyard, hot tub & above ground pool.

**Country Setting Nichols Rd - \$212,900**

Well built contractors home in a quiet country setting yet very close to town. The Drag river can be accessed a short walk thru the road allowance for swimming, fishing & canoeing. Solidly built home features country kitchen & dining area w/ walkout to lg deck for BBQing, 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths along with a full basement and ground level entry. Top it off with stone fireplace w/air tight, FAO furnace, drilled well, & 1.6 acres. Come have a look.

**Fred Chapple**
Minden Office
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ext. 43**North Pigeon Lake - \$249,500**

Spacious three bedroom Cottage, fully winterized for four season use. Wonderful big lake view with southern exposure. Docking and access to Pigeon Lake across Deep Bay road. Featuring a stone fireplace in the living room, sauna, large hot tub and a detached workshop/garage with sundeck above. Very private four acre property. Newly shingled roof. Excellent fishing, boating and swimming await!!

**South Lake - \$269,500**

Spacious open concept Viceroy Cottage on popular South Lake. Year round access. Full basement, large deck and fully winterized for four season enjoyment. Conveniently located to Minden and only 2 1/2 hours to the GTA!

**Geoff Bunn**
Haliburton Office
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ext. 242**Beach River - \$309,900**

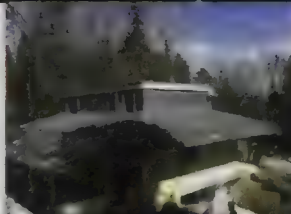
Four season residential home on Beech River with boating into a 3 lake chain that includes Boshkung, Little Boshkung and Twelve Mile. The lot is very private and at the end of a township maintained road. The Beech River hiking trail is just steps away. The house is a 3 + 1 bedroom, 2 bath house, screened in porch, full finished walk out basement. In a great area with easy access to amenities.

**Eagle Lake Home - \$239,900**

Close to public access on Eagle Lake, shopping and skiing. Well cared for and charming 1 1/2 storey - 3 bedroom home w/ attached single car garage, in the village of Eagle Lake within a short walking distance to Public Beach and Shopping Centre. Short distance to Sir Sam's Skiing

**Jeff Wilson**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 233**Beautiful Lake View - \$219,000**

Well maintained 3 bedroom home only minutes to the town of Haliburton. Interior is finished with pine and features a granite stone fireplace, 2 bathrooms and full basement. Very private lot and loads of potential.

**Minutes to Haliburton - \$229,000**

Are you looking for 1.5 acres of property with ample living space? This is the property for you! This three bedroom 4 bathroom home is only minutes to Haliburton. Enjoy the wildlife from the back porch, as well as the beautifully landscaped gardens. Contact listing brokerage for more details.

**Ken* Barry**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 228**Haliburton Lake - \$524,900**

Beautiful three bedroom cottage featuring oak kitchen cupboards w/ island & granite counter tops, three free standing propane fireplaces, large family room, central air & vac, 24' X 32' two storey garage & single car garage. Gentle to moderate slope to the lake with a stunning view and gorgeous sunsets. 9' X 20' lakeside deck, dock, beautiful perennial gardens and privacy complete the package.

**13198 Hwy. 118 - \$279,900**

Totally renovated three bedroom home with double attached garage minutes to the Village of Haliburton. Fabulous open concept design allows for great entertaining in the huge modern kitchen, dining and living room area which has a walkout to the large covered deck. New windows, flooring, lighting and 5 pce. bathroom featuring double sinks. The walkout basement is ready to finish to your own tastes and includes roughed in plumbing for a 2nd bathroom. All this sits on a 8.5 acre lot with tons of room to play and explore.

**Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 231**Top of Dover Hill - \$139,900**

2BR home in prime location for home based business, close to the village. Very pretty 2.5 ac lot, nice view, sunny lot. Loft area is open & would be ideal for 2 more bedrms. Bright sunny LR with newer carpet, large updated master BR. Most new windows. Drilled well, septic & newer FA propane furnace. Oversized garage. Large shed. Loads of potential with some TLC.

**Hwy 118 - \$139,900**

Affordable, bright, clean 3BR home. Lovely level lot. Modern, upgraded eat-in kitchen. Generous LR, 4pc bath, lower level office & Recroom, 4th BR & laundry. Basement partially finished. Many upgrades over the past 10 yrs. Drilled well, double deck heated garage. Ideal for starter home, retirement or small family. Priced to sell!

**Lynda Litwin**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 35**Horseshoe Lake Deeded Access - \$295,000**

This lovely 2 bedroom home with a walk out basement is on a park like 2 acre setting of land with a pond, hill top bench, garden, pony barn, dog kennel, gardens to enjoy along with deeded access to Horseshoe Lake within walking distance. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home.

**South Lake Home - \$399,900**

Custom kitchen, huge dining and entertainment area, sunken living room, walk out to lake, level lot, triple garage with workshop. Only 5 minutes to Minden. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home

**Lisa Mercer**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 46**Twelve Mile Lake - \$599,000**

New log home nestled in a small bay. Sand waterfront. Large verandas in the front and back of this well maintained cottage. Radiant floors in the partially finished basement.

**Irondale River - \$375,000**

Breathtaking views from both inside and outside of this bright 3 bedroom home. Many upgrades including new windows, drywall, flooring and kitchen in the past 5 years. Pine ceilings throughout. Authentic wood Finnish sauna.

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**Madeline Doyle**Haliburton
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ext. 250**Vacant Lot - Sandford Court - \$599,900**

Beautiful 2.69 acre parcel with 529' frontage on Sandford Court. This 2.69 acre parcel is relatively level with mature trees and forest feel. Private yet close to town. Seller is a registered Real Estate Sales Representative. Contact LB office for clauses.

**Vacant Lot - Sandford Court - \$599,900**

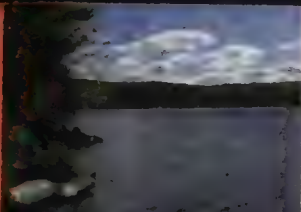
Private estate lot (5.5 Acres) located in newer subdivision in village of Haliburton with spectacular view of both Grass & Head Lake. Conveniently located close to Sir Sandford Fleming College and shopping area. Cleared site, drilled well, driveway and septic approved.

**Marilyn Hawley**Haliburton
Office
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ext. 237**Clear Lake - \$489,000**

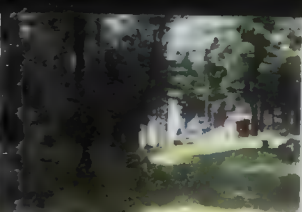
This 4 Bdrm, 1 1/2 Bath cottage or home is situated on a beautiful lot with expansive, level grounds at the lakefront. 250 ft of water frontage with south western exposure and shallow entry on beautiful Clear Lake offers a great place to entertain friends and family. Two sheds, workshop with drive through and a small bunkie complete the deal!

**Kashagawigamog Lake - \$525,000**

Nestled amongst the trees is this 3 bdrm, 2-storey cottage with screened porch, flagstone landscaping, a fire pit, beautiful perennial gardens and a 2-bdrm. Bunkie for guests. Inside is a warm and inviting open-concept main floor with ceramic tile and hardwood floors with bedrooms, family room and balcony upstairs. The clean, clear waterfront is the perfect mix of a great sand beach entrance and deep water off the end of the dock.

**Marj & John Parish**Haliburton
Office
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ext. 226**Lake Kashagawigamog - \$124,900 + GST**

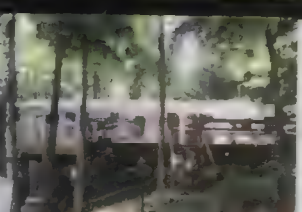
Approved Building Lot, Hydro & Town Sewers Available! Sand/Rock Shoreline! Year Rd Twp Road! Walk to Town!

**Burdock Lake - \$129,900**

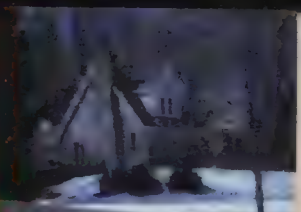
Its Ready to Go! Waterfront Lot with Driveway Installed! Building Site is Cleared! Small Storage Shed with Hydro! Stairs to Deck & Dock! Year Round Twp Road.

**Melanie Vigrass**Minden
Office
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ext. 40**Minden Home - \$269,000**

This lovely 3 bdrm/3 bath bungalow features a full walk-out basement to a private back yard, dbl. att'd garage, main floor laundry, sparkling hardwood floors, bay windows, a sunroom with propane fireplace, sauna off the cedar bathroom, c/vac, c/air, ensuite, over 1700 sq. ft. on the main level.....the list goes on! Call for more details.

**Buckskin Lake - \$259,900**

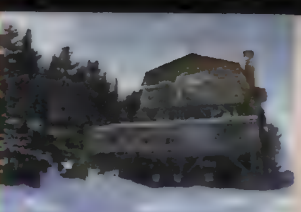
Move in and enjoy this furnished cottage this spring! Extensively renovated with new roof, siding, windows and insulation this 2 bdrm. + family room (optional 3rd bdrm.), sits on a large natural lot and features pine throughout and an airtight woodstove for cool spring evenings. Buckskin Lake is a spring fed lake backing onto 1000's of acres of crown land. Call now to start your cottage dreams tomorrow!

**Peter Brady**Haliburton
Office
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ext. 234**Magnificent Stone Estate - \$1,500,000**

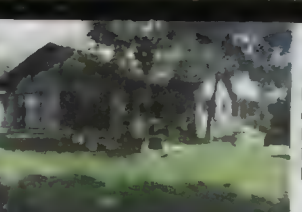
This spectacular 6.4 acre Kashagawigamog waterfront is the finest example of country living today. Relax on the covered front porch, wander across the expansive lawns, beyond the barn, beside the boathouse to appreciate the breathtaking views and ultimate privacy that 584 feet of hard waterfront afford. So much to see. Call Peter Today!!

**Kashagawigamog Lake - \$459,000**

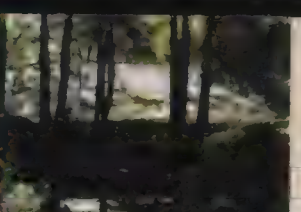
Live at the shores of the largest 5 lake chain in your very sunny 4 season 'totally done' home and enjoy all that Haliburton offers, boating to your favourite shops + restaurants. Call Peter today - just \$459,000.™

**Ted Vasey**Haliburton
Office
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ext. 223**Gull River - \$329,900**

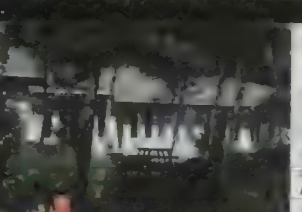
Charming waterfront home south of Minden - 1 1/2 story home with 1700 sq. ft. plus w/o finished basement - huge country kitchen with loads of oak cabinets and counter top space - w/o living room to deck - field stone fireplace - hardwood floors - 4 + 1 bedrooms 2 baths - fireplace in family room - many updates - tastefully landscaped lot - miles of boating to Gull Lake

**Country Home - \$235,000**

1023 Petticoat Lane - close to Minden - open and bright home tastefully decorated - natural oak kitchen and w/o dining rm. To new deck - cathedral ceilings in living rm. - hardwood floors - 2 + 2 bedrooms - 2 1/2 pc. Baths - main floor laundry - family rm with a fireplace - tastefully landscaped lot and access to Minden Lake - very private

**Terry Carr**Haliburton
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ext. 236**Little Glamor Lake - \$329,900**

Little Gem on Little Glamor - Totally renovated cottage with custom maple cabinets, pine ceilings, poplar floor & wainscoting. 3 bedrooms and wraparound deck. Upgraded insulation and new roof. Very private, well treed lot with fabulous sand beach and great swimming

**Kennisis River / Halls Lake - \$599,000**

Architecturally designed for maximum water view and natural light! Stunning, spacious executive home or cottage located at the mouth of Hall's Lake on Kennisis River. Creative location gives you a big lake view, while being protected from motor traffic on the river. Amenities don't stop with geo-thermal heating, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, over-sized bedrooms, sun room, large living room, family room, large unfinished basement, 2-car garage, perennial gardens, 11'x11' greenhouse and more!

**Tom & Gail Tempest**Minden
Office
286-2911
ext. 41**1224 Denna Lake Road - \$329,000**

Charming and very private, this unique home on 28 acres is just 10 minutes from Minden. Newer septic, new above ground pool built into deck adjacent to the house. Fully insulated 14' X 14' bunkie, several sheds, manicured grounds and gardens, a small pond and numerous groomed trails throughout the property. Main floor laundry and a Napoleon woodstove in the living room. In the kitchen you can see some of the log walls from the original building. The kitchen has hardwood floors, a vaulted ceiling and the gorgeous Elmira Cookstove is included.

**1138 Sherwood Forest Trail - \$1,100,000**

Custom designed - 200' of golden sand beach on Echo Bay 1 acre professionally landscaped lot - Irrigation system for carefree lawns & gardens. Three bdrms, lg. loft, utility room, geothermal heating/cooling system, 'generac' generator system for those inevitable power outages. Hardwood floors with porcelain tiles in entranceway & kitchen. A four season sun porch plus a screened porch provide yr.rnd. vistas of the lake. Large 2 1/2 car detached garage with huge loft above. Includes joint ownership in over 20 acres of woods & parklands

**Vince Duchene**Haliburton
Office
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ext. 225**Kashagawigamog Lake - \$429,000**

Outstanding opportunity to own on "the" 5 lake chain in Haliburton. Two fully finished levels, 4 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 2 baths, 2 laundry rooms and all upgraded. Also includes a lakeside (dry) boathouse with deck on top AND a huge lakeside dock to lounge at water's edge. This is a must see....call today for an appointment to view..

**Farquhar Lake - \$548,000**

Absolutely "STUNNING"! This cape cod style storey and a half waterfront home (or executive cottage) will have you saying WOW! 9' ceilings, windows everywhere, main floor family room, huge wrap around deck, 2 baths, laundry, wide open concept LR/KT/DR, 3 bedrooms and a walk out basement! Other features include detached garage, workshop, bunkie, boathouse and a fabulous hard packed sand beach all on Farquhar Lake!

**Rick Forget,
Iona Fevreau &
Mary Harnden**
Wilberforce Office
448-2222**Big Straggle Lake - \$424,900**

Beautiful, Executive style 3 bedroom air conditioned, 2 bathroom home on the water with many extras. Fully winterized, new maintenance free tempered hardboard siding. All walls, previous log and insulated over log before new siding attached, great view of the lake, den & sunroom. Energy star rated Thermal windows with D/Rate for arctic. Heated double car garage with full size workshop on second floor, carport abutting side of garage. Considering these top of the line features, this home represents exceptional value

**Benoir Lake - \$329,000**

Beautiful 2 bedroom winterized cottage/home with attached garage. 128' of frontage with shallow sandy shoreline for the little ones, situated on a level lot. Lots of cedar, Cathedral ceilings, full block finished basement. Great view of the lake. Year round access and 34 miles of boating on a three lake chain. You don't want to miss this one.

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Strategic Plan Set in Motion in Highlands East

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

If the number of people in an audience is any indication of interest in a project, the Strategic Plan and the Council's number one priority to promote Highlands East as a highly desirable tourism destination is well on its way. At least 75 residents and business people were in attendance at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre last Tuesday evening to hear a number of presentations geared to business development and tourism opportunities.

Reeve Dave Burton welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about the work that the Council has completed to date on their strategic plan with the help of Economic Development Consultant Judy Coward. "The plan examines where we are now, where we want to go and how we plan to get there," he said, adding that the Council welcomed input and suggestions from everyone on how best to promote the community.

Coward spoke about her involvement with Highlands East during the First Impressions program several years ago that identified some of the unique aspects of the community and some

of the shortfalls; information that was used as a foundation for part of the planning process. She briefly detailed the strategic planning process that Council followed, including the development of a vision statement, establishing a set of core values and completing a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats/challenges.)

Coward spoke briefly about some of the major gaps or critical issues that were identified as part of the process and the work Council had completed in determining project priorities, the first of which was marketing Highlands East as a destination and promoting the use of community facilities within the municipality. (It should be noted that the second priority identified was to bring the communities that make up Highlands East together to work cooperatively and promote a sense of community pride; something that would strongly enhance the success of marketing Highlands East to outsiders as a place to live, work and play.

As a way to support entrepreneurs who want to take part in the process, Coward also briefly covered the programs offered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. She emphasized the importance of the Rural Economic Development (RED) program offered by OMAFRA that is geared to removing barriers to economic development in rural Ontario. "My department is very involved in rural Ontario, including Haliburton, Peterborough County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Muskoka," she said, encouraging people to contact her for more information.

Bev Quirt, a Tourism and Industry Advisor from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture also provided information on the programs, tools and resources offered through her department, with an emphasis on a program called 'Celebrate Ontario.' She said, "One of our key priorities is assisting municipalities in cultural planning and cultural tourism," adding that her department had funding available, particularly to help establish and enhance tourism opportunities and support community arts and cultural events.

Quirt said, "We have a number of programs geared to marketing as well as on-line opportunities for businesses. Quirt referred to www.ontariotravel.net and www.tourismpartners.com as sites that offer free business listings and offer a variety of websites available to help local businesses promote opportunities in their communities.

Haliburton County's Economic Development & Tourism Director Bob Smith reviewed the role of his department in small business development. Smith extolled the work of Coward's department saying "Judy's office truly understands rural Ontario." He also suggested that local entrepreneurs should take advantage of www.haliburtonholidays.com to list their events.

"I would like to see the birth of a signature event in Haliburton," Smith, emphasizing the need to promote the county's strengths.

Smith detailed the business services available with the County and recommended that anyone with a business or considering starting a business up should visit www.businesshaliburton.ca. "Small business

matters a lot to us," he said, explaining that his office offers professional counselling and a wide variety of printed materials to guide people through the planning and initial phase of getting their business off the ground.

Andy Campbell, Manager of the Haliburton County Development Corporation provided an overview of his organizations role in strategic planning, assisting with skills development, loans and counselling, forming partnerships with municipalities and making contributions to economic development throughout the County. "We're very well represented through our Board of Directors," he said and listed some of the small projects that HCDC had helped in the area including the Loop Troupe and the Red Cross Outpost and Historical House in Wilberforce.

Heather Reid, Director of U-Links (Centre for Community-Based Research in Haliburton County) was up to bat next. Reid outlined their mandate of bringing the resources of the Trent University to the county and the resources of the county to the university, linking municipalities, organizations and businesses with research needs to the university and undertaking community based projects. According to Reid, U-Links provides

endless opportunities to students to enhance their knowledge and skills through their involvement in a wide variety of projects. She welcomed questions and requests for information at the end of the meeting.

Last but certainly not least, Ken Hoeberman, Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders spoke of his organization's success in developing and managing recreational trails in areas very similar to Highlands East. We place considerable emphasis on partnerships, environmental stewardship, and economic development and tourism," he said.

Hoeberman spoke of the success of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails program, suggesting that other

trails systems could be established in the county. As examples of successful partnerships, he spoke about the Hatfield and McCoy Trail System that spreads across nine counties in West Virginia; an extremely successful system of trails developed through partnerships with the state in an area where the economy had withered and declined. He said, "The best part about it is that it is used by all types of enthusiasts." There are six trails within the system offering a variety of challenges, guided tours and lodging and are in the process of developing trails and designated areas for equestrian and other non-motorized users.

He also showed a film about the Rock Run Recreation Area in Pennsylvania that encompasses trails to accommodate everything from all terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and mountain bikes to hiking or horseback riding through the Appalachian Mountains.

The park is guided by a master site plan that when completed will cost in excess of 20 million dollars and incentives have been established for private land owners to become involved in the development. Hoeberman said that the first phase of the recreation area includes 50 miles of trails and signage, a visitors centre, access road and campsites.

Burton later said, "We have a number of opportunities here and there is a lot of assistance available to our small business people, if it can be harnessed and focused on Highlands East."

Burton, who was one of the last to leave after the evening's presentations, said he heard some very positive feedback. He said that almost everyone in attendance stayed and socialized after the formal presentations and sought further information from the speakers. "There were a number of positive comments made and the only negative comment was on the timing of the plan given the upcoming election."

Burton said that all of Council look forward to receiving input from those in attendance and being able to move forward with this important aspect of their strategic plan. ■



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Unearthed: High School Students Art Work Shows at Gallery

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Displaying your art work for everyone to critique and view is a brave process even for the experienced artist, so for young artists who haven't left High School yet it's an even more courageous feat.

Seven artists; Madison Espie, Maddi Watson, Erin Pottier, Ariaht Boots, Tanner McCausland, Megan Havil and Miranda Connelly all attend the art portfolio class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School which covers how students can present their art in a gallery and to prepare them for their future careers.

They created art work over a six week period and it was finally unveiled at the Rails End Gallery last Saturday to a great showing of support from friends and family. It was the fourth year that the Gallery had hosted work from the Haliburton High School students.

The project was made possible with the support of the Ontario Arts Council and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

The students were under the direction of local artist and mentor, Rose Pearson who actually used to teach art at the High School.

All of the pieces were diverse and equally different yet the main focus of all of their art seemed to come from a personal and emotional viewpoint. One art piece spun from a devastating family home fire and others were inspired by vivid dreams and travels.

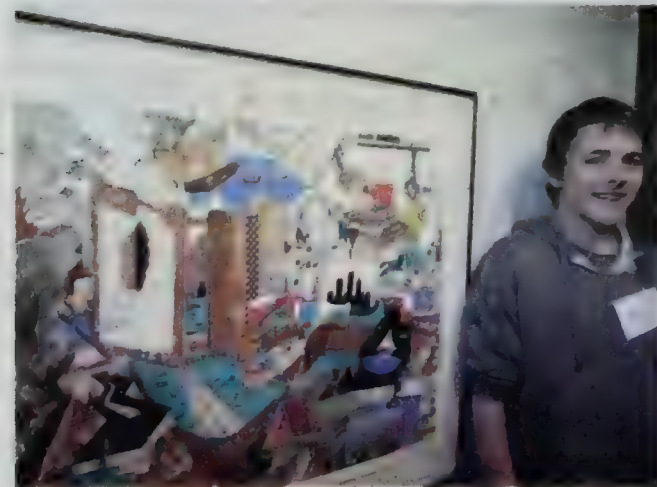
Rose Pearson was approached by Karen Gervais, the Haliburton High School art teacher about mentoring and preparing the students for the exhibition.

For Rose it was a "great experience, it was the ideal teaching situation. I could be their positive mentor without the discipline!"

The connection between the students and Rose ran deeper too as she tends to create art from an autobiographical standpoint as well which helped when supporting the students.

The young artists collected images from a number of different sources, anything that was provoking to them or stood out they used as a starting block for their art. Rose also took the students on an imaginary journey where they had to visualise their surroundings and so they could unearth images to use for their art work.

Under Rose's supervision they learnt technical skills such as works installation



Tanner McCausland stands next to his cartoon art work

and how to write artist statements. When the students walked into the gallery for the first time Rose says, "They saw the expanse of the white walls and seemed quite intimidated and nervous. They had to overcome that hurdle along with knowing eventually they would have to talk about their art at the opening reception. Each of them has done really well over the past six weeks and at the opening reception."

Grade 11 student Ariaht Boots created a painting of a lone tree caught in a materialistic world. After finding an advertisement for Sorel boots set against a cityscape she became inspired to create a piece of work that sets nature against the urban setting which eventually it overcomes. Ariaht commented, "It took me four days to do but coming up with the idea took a lot longer. I love nature and especially living in Haliburton the country is really important to me."

Ariaht's father is an artist so she was used to speaking about his work at gallery functions however she was still "wracked with nerves" on Saturday. But the artist didn't let her nerves get the better of her and she spoke with passion regarding her work. She added, "I get a lot of my ideas from my father and he's definitely an inspiration." Ariaht hopes to eventually take animation at Sheridan College.

One personal event in a student's life was so powerful he decided to encapsulate it forever in his art. When Tanner McCausland's family home burnt down last year he decided to use the event as a focal point to his work. Slowly he incorporated other images around the fire, including the pet dog the family had bought which had helped them move pass the devastation that the fire left.

The cartoon images were varied, each telling a different story but each with the same distinct features. They weren't simply copied from modern day cartoon images highlighting Tanner's work as truly one of his own.

Tanner told the Voice he gains inspiration from the Looney Tunes television program along with modern day classics such as the Simpsons and Family Guy. He says, "Drawing helps me express myself, it relaxes me. There are no boundaries and you have complete freedom of the page."

The artist used regular line drawings and didn't want the images to be too clear cut or realistic. He says he's been drawing ever since he could pick up a pencil and could spend hours watching Looney Tunes and gaining inspiration from the shows to create his work.

Tanner also wishes to study animation at College and has already been accepted to study at one,



From left: Haliburton High School Art Teacher Karen Gervais, student artists; Madison Espie, Miranda Connelly, Maddi Watson, Tanner McCausland, Ariaht Boots, Erin Pottier, Megan Havil and their artist mentor Rose Pearson.

his future dream is to create a cartoon television series.

One of the artists Maddi Watson noted in her speech about her art that, "when you are painting if it means a lot to you it makes it that much more important."

The students thanked the Rails End Gallery, Rose, Artists Choice and Principal Gary Brohman who attended the event. Karen Gervais added, "The exhibition is the highlight of our school year."

After the presentations finished the students seemed to breathe a sigh of relief that they could finally relax after the six weeks of hard work was over and enjoy their art. Who knows where each of the students will go after their art classes end at High School but they should all be proud of their art and themselves.

Unearthed will run at the Rails End Gallery until April 22nd. You can reach the gallery on 457-2330. ■

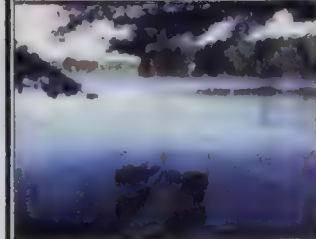


Ariaht Boots, one of the student artists who showed her work at the exhibition



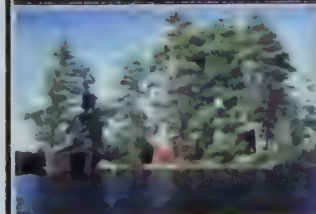
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Highland Storm Atoms A's Win League Championship

by Monica Keefer

Season Finally Ended last Weekend

The Storm Atom As played last Friday night 7pm in Haliburton against Bracebridge Bears in the first game of the Muskoka Parry Sound League Championship. In a hard fought game the Storm lost 2-1 in Overtime.

Game Two was played in Baysville on Saturday. The boys walked away with a 5-2 win. With the series tied at 1-1 game three on Sunday would be the final chance to win the trophy. The puck dropped at 2:30pm with our boys battling hard: they really wanted this win. The Storm triumphed with a 4-1 win. Highland Storm Atom A's took home the hardware to show we are the top in our division.

With a successful ending to the season with a Norwood Tournament Champs, Lift Lock Tournament 'A' Champs, All -Ontario Finalists and now Muskoka Parry Sound Champs.

Way to Go Boys, give yourselves a pat on the back, job well done. Your parents, friends, family and community are proud of you on a successful year.

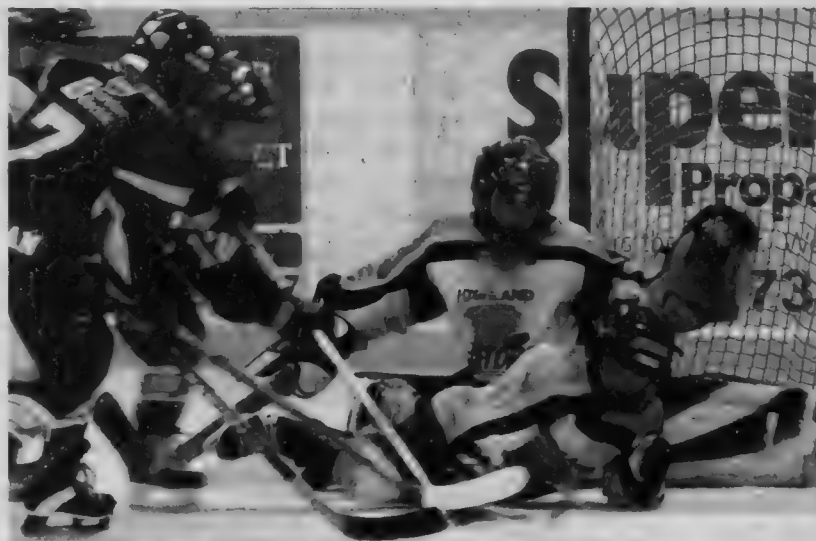
Congrats again to: Josh Bellefleur, Ethan Keefer, Josh Boice, Andrew Hall, Max MacNaull, Nolan Flood, Paydon Miscio, Owen "Smitty" Smith, Mat Wilbee, Chris Thompson, Chase Burden. Coach Mike MacNaull, Assistant Coaches Tim Keefer and Barry Boice, Trainer Chad Burden, Manager Tammy Smith, and Money Manager Heather Hall. Thank for all the great work. ■



Highland Storm Atom AE Champs play One Last Game

The Highland Storm Atom AE skated onto the ice to play together as a hockey team one last time on Monday March 29 for an 8pm playoff game against the Gravenhurst Flames Atom A team for the Muskoka Parry Sound League. No, that is not a typo. Atom A team! It was decided that since the Highland Storm Atom AE team had such a good season that they should face a Atom A team in their playoffs, and then it was decided it would only be one game, not the normal best 2 out of 3.

Sour grapes, maybe, but I do not believe the team should be "penalised" for doing well in their division. These boys worked hard from the start and should have been allowed to finish their season in their division. Despite this the Storms boys came out and did their best to try for a win, but it was not to be so. Gravenhurst was the first to score, but the Storm answered with a goal from Owen Smith, his fiftieth of the season, with assists to Jack Dobie and Devyn Prentice. The game remained tied until Gravenhurst scored again in the



third, giving them the win 2-1 and the League championship.

To a fantastic group of kids who had a wonderful season, the bench, a great group of parents, our sponsors, The Pepper Mill thank you for a memorable season of hockey. To our awesome goalie, Anthony Bertucca who is returning to Bancroft and our fast defenseman Jack Dobie who is moving to Peterborough good luck and well wishes to you both.

To the rest of the team, Jake Bull, Greg Crofts, Jacob Haedicke, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice, Ryan Prentice, Owen Smith, Trevor Turner and Alex Wilbee, continue the great hockey, have fun with the game and keep the Highland Storm name in the spotlight. The new hockey season is only five months away. I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the OMHA Provincial Parade of Champions June 12 with their gold medals and great smiles.

This team was schedule to play 18 games in the regular season but with tournaments and playoffs their stats are: Games: 57. Wins: 46 Losses: 9 Ties: 2. There are some impressive individual stats as well with this team including three, fifty to fifty plus goal scorers for the season. Thanks once again to everyone and to our community for their support. See you

next year (season).
Karena Crofts, Manager - Highland Storm Atom AE
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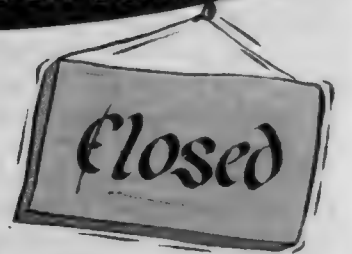


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Bowl for HAVE

It wasn't a huge fund-raiser according to organizers Joanna and Bob Penfold, but you wouldn't have known that judging by the some of the expressions at the Fast Lane last Saturday evening. There were no major funding pledges, just a group of bowlers and donors having some fun to raise a few bucks for the less fortunate. By the end of the event, \$755.00 had been raised for Help A Village Effort. If HAVE raises its portion of the HAVE/CIDA agreement this year, \$50,000, as it did last year, the Canadian International Development Agency will provide a matching contribution, meaning that the local bowler's efforts will have contributed \$1510.00 to support HAVE projects. More HAVE fund-raising adventures are in the planning stages. Maybe not huge, but certainly not insignificant either.

HAVE is a locally conceived non-government organization, or NGO, that builds wells for villagers in some of the poorest corners of the world. HAVE is supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), other interested support groups, and individual donations. To date, HAVE has constructed over 700 safe drinking water systems, has funded a mobile health care program in India, provided support and primary reading programs for needy children in Africa along with many other activities undertaken with dedicated partners. HAVE's mission is to provide better living conditions for people around the world through the provision of some of life's essentials: safe drinking water, sanitation and good hygiene education. It is HAVE's belief that when people have the basic necessities of life, self-determination and empowerment will follow.

Organizers expressed a personal thanks to the Wintergreen Team, the Stephens Family Team, the Heffer Family Team, the Tonies or the Mover Team, the HAVE Srelwob's, the Zen Team, and individual donors who were not able to bowl last night. Bill Kulas, Fred Phipps and Michelle St. Pierre, those who donated prizes, and last but not least Val and Andy Lennox who gave of their facilities, time and creative abilities were also commended for their efforts and generosity. ■



Turkey Hunt! For Easter!

Most people have an Easter egg hunt, but at we had a turkey hunt. On Sunday our Golden Retriever Mac chased Easter dinner right up into the trees next to our house. For the first time ever about 30 turkeys graced our front lawn and Mac was in a frenzy, trying frantically to herd them into the garage. Turkeys were flying off the ground like missiles everywhere and it was all I could do, not to take a dive onto the lawn to stay out of their way. ■

By Liz Danielsen



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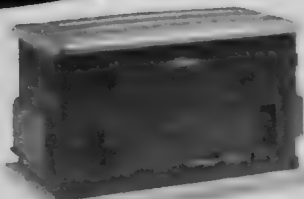
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Curlers "Sweep into Spring" in Style

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

The Minden Curling Club held its 30th annual ladies invitational "Sweep into Spring" bonspiel this past weekend. The March event is a club tradition that celebrates the arrival of spring and the end of the curling season with a festive day of curling and socializing.

This year's theme was "All that glitters-Bling". Twenty teams participated, many of them sporting glittery costumes in keeping with the theme. Curlers traveled from Stayner, Huntsville, Dundas, Toronto, Port Perry and Acton to flaunt their "glitz". The event began with Karaoke on Friday evening and wrapped up with dinner and presentations Saturday.

First place winners were (left to right) Sandy Warrington (lead), Maureen Henderson (second), Noni Cherry (vice) and Shirley Charles (skip) from the York Curling Club.

The best team costume went to the Port Perry Team of Andrea Lamb, Sharon Lalonde, Lynda O'Beirne and Sharon Pasnick.

Club president, Steve Robson, felt the event had provided an enjoyable and successful end to the club's curling season.

Organizer Gwen Turner would like to thank the committee: Steve Robson, Iain Kay, Nancy Garbutt, Carolyn Ludlow, Irene and Peter Alexander, Marg Baker and Sue Ripley. Special thanks to chefs, Chris and Judy Price, men servers and clean-up crew, Jack Taylor, Ross Bryant, Bruce Fisher, Jim Groen, Wes Lytle, Bert Kennedy, Tony Taylor and Ed Joseph. Also a huge thank you to Ommmh Beauty Salon, Organic Times, Wind in the Willows, Cindy's, Jingles of Cannington, Lisa's Dental, Len & Patti Goreski, Easton's Value Mart, Dollo's IGA, Heads Inn, PharmaSave, Kitchen's

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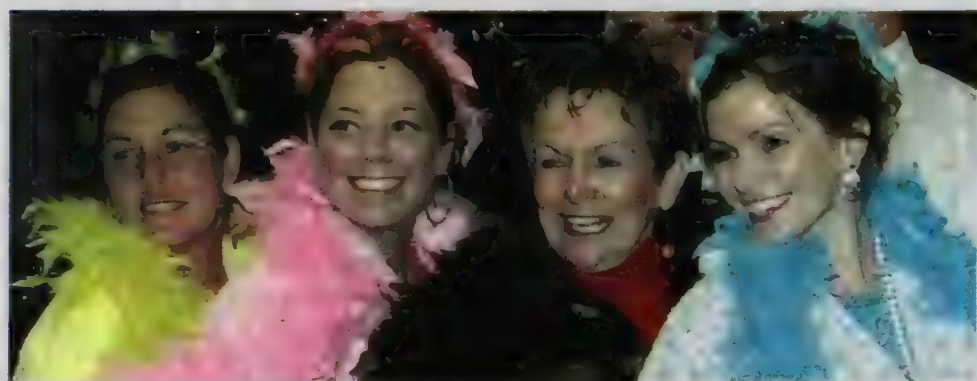
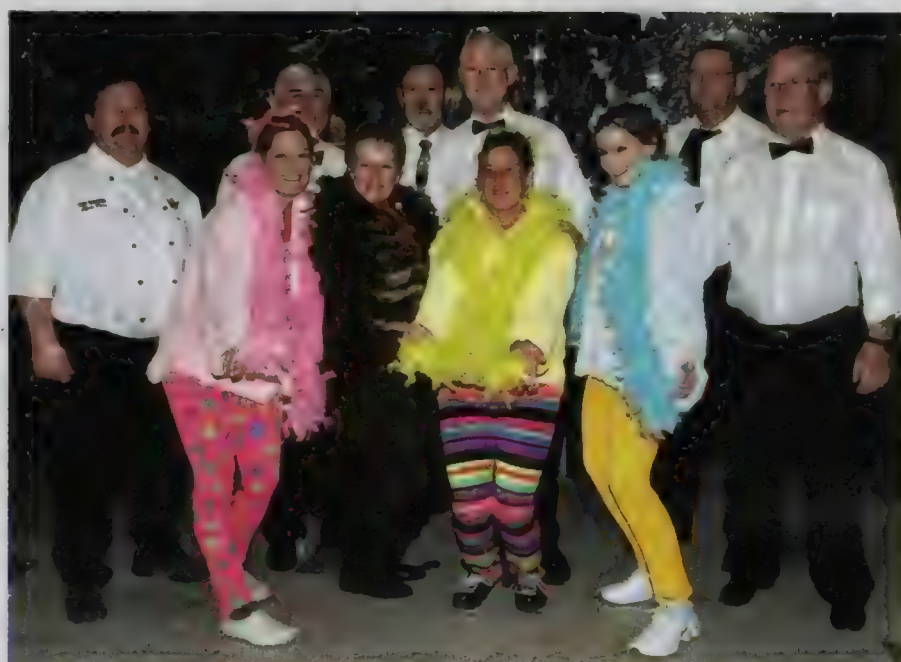
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Minden Skating Carnival, a look at the future

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

"So, what do you want to be when you grow up?"

This question, one almost everyone was confronted with as a kid, was adopted by the Minden Skating club as its theme for the 2010 skating carnival which took place March 28th at the Minden arena. Under the direction of coaches Kerri Ecclestone, Kim Dewhurst and Jane Symons, 50 participants enacted their answers, and the costumes,

many painstakingly created by Symons, reflected their chosen dreams. To the delight of their fans, 22 groups of skaters performed as firemen, truckers, business tycoons, hairdressers, cowpokes, speedsters, princesses, boxers, rock-stars, brides and a variety of other chosen professions, trades, occupations and aspirations. ■



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"For people eager to quit, the STOP study is a unique opportunity to kick the habit," says Lisa Griffin, a Public Health Nurse with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Health Unit is collaborating with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to promote the STOP study in this area. CAMH introduced the treatment study in 2006 in partnership with the Ontario government. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the methods and effectiveness of providing Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) to Ontario smokers. Initial findings show the use of NRT significantly increases the success rate of people trying to quit smoking.

"Nicotine replacement therapy is very effective, but some people don't use it because of the cost," says Griffin. "That's where the STOP study can help."

To see if they are eligible to take part in the STOP study (www.stopstudy.ca), local smokers can call CAMH toll-free at 1-866-484-9022 and leave a message with their name and daytime phone number. A CAMH staff member will phone back and do a short screening session to see if the person is eligible. All STOP participants must be Ontario residents who are 18 years of age and older.

For smokers trying to quit, Griffin notes there are also other resources available to help them. The Smoker's Helpline (toll-free at 1-877-513-5337 or online at www.smokershelpline.ca) can assist, as can the Health Unit's Choose To Be...Smoke-Free Program (toll-free at 1-866-888-4577). ■

Home Safe Home

New Resource Kit Can Help Local Residents Plan Home Renovations That Pay Off in Safety

For anyone considering home improvements this year, public health officials are encouraging you to include safety features as part of any renovation projects.

To help local residents build on this idea, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is offering a free resource kit called Simply Safer is Simply Smarter: How to Build or Renovate For a Safer Home. The illustrated, room-by-room kit includes design and product ideas on how to build and renovate a home to ensure safety is a priority for all ages. Safety suggestions for stairs, bathrooms, flooring and lighting are provided in the resource kit, as well as rebate programs to help offset the costs of safety improvements.

The Simply Safer is Simply Smarter Kit is available at Health Unit offices in Port Hope, Lindsay and Haliburton, or online at www.hkpr.on.ca under the 'What's New' section. Copies can also be ordered free-of-charge by calling the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 334. The kit is an initiative of the local Health Unit, Durham Region Health Department, Peterborough County-City Health Unit, and Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit.

"A house is a significant investment for anyone," notes Krista Skutovich, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit. "While renovations can enhance the value of your home, incorporating safety features along the way can also ensure you enjoy a home safe home for as long as you live in the house."

According to the Ontario Injury Prevention Resource Centre, every six minutes, one person in the province visits a hospital emergency department due to a slip or trip. Every half hour, one Ontarian is hospitalized due to injuries from a slip or trip.

"Slips and trips don't just happen to older residents," says Skutovich. "Most injuries occur at home, and they can happen to anyone regardless of age."

Home renovations that improve safety do not have to be extensive or expensive. Simple improvements in lighting can help family members avoid potential tripping hazards. Choosing non-slip flooring options and ensuring smooth transitions between different flooring surfaces can also help young and old avoid slips and trips around the house.

"Thoughtful planning and design elements, such as stair rails on both sides and stylish bathroom grab bars, help everyone in the family stay on their feet," Skutovich adds. ■

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DAUGHTER FEARS ELDERLY MOM IS A MENACE BEHIND THE WHEEL

DEAR ABBY: My mother just turned 80, and her driving is getting bad. I have spoken to her about my concerns, and she says she'll "think about" stopping. Then the next day, she's off driving somewhere. I live 25 miles away. I offered to move to her apartment complex and do her driving, but until I can do that she won't stop. Mom has already hit a city bus, turned into oncoming traffic and narrowly missed a pedestrian. When she put in for a change of address for her driver's license, they noticed it was time to renew it and did so without a test. I requested they send her a "come in and test" letter, but so far there has been no response. What can I do before she kills someone or herself? — PHILADELPHIA DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: Contact your mother's physician and tell him/her what you have told me. Her doctor should write a letter to the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding her history of near misses. It appears your concerns are justified. She should be given a driver's test and an eye test.

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old stepson says he is embarrassed by the constant hand-holding in public his mother and I enjoy. He also doesn't like that we always share a quick kiss after saying grace before meals, even in restaurants. He says that none of his friends' parents do it, and he thinks it's "weird." His mother and I see no need to change and feel he will get over his embarrassment in time. We feel our displays of affection are appropriate and strengthen our relationship. I would also think that seeing us so well-bonded would be reassuring to him and his 14-year-old brother. Neither boy was close to his father — in fact, they both hate to visit him — so I don't think it's an issue of the boy hoping his parents will get back together. Any thoughts on this? — STEPDAD IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR STEPDAD: If your marriage to their mother is relatively recent, your displays of affection may make her sons uncomfortable. Also, both boys have reached an age when parents ARE just plain "embarrassing." In the interests of family harmony — until they grow out of it — please consider refraining from the quick kisses when you're out in public.

DEAR ABBY: My 60th birthday is approaching, and my children and I are planning a trip. My wish is to celebrate with just my two children — not their spouses. Is this insensitive? Am I being unreasonable? — THREE'S COMPANY

DEAR THREE'S COMPANY: If you have a good relationship with your children's spouses, there shouldn't be hurt feelings if they are not included this time. There are occasions when spouses sometimes prefer to stay at home. Example: high school reunions. A neighbor of mine, a woman in her 80s, mentioned recently that she was planning a trip back to her hometown with her daughter (sans son-in-law) so they could see the house where she was raised and the grammar and high schools she attended. For them it was a sentimental journey, but for the husband it would have been as warm and fuzzy an experience as a root canal.

TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS:
Happy Easter, one and all!

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: People see in you a born leader whom they can follow and put their trust in.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A problem in getting a workplace project up and moving might upset the Lamb, who likes things done on time. But be patient. The delay could turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your instincts are usually on the mark, so if you feel uneasy about being asked for advice on a certain matter, it's probably a good idea that you opt not to comply with the request.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might have two minds about a proposed change (which often happens with the Twins), but once all the facts are in, you'll be able to make a definitive decision. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Crab's frugal aspect dominates, so while you might be reluctant to pay for technical repairs, the time you save in getting things back on track could be well worth the expense.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While you Leos and Leonas continue to concentrate on doing well in your work-related ventures this week, consider reserving the weekend for sharing good times with family and friends.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good week to take stock of the important personal, professional or familial relationships in your life and see where you might need to do some intense shoring up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice makes you the likely person to help deal with a work- or family-related grievance. But you need to have any doubts about anyone's true agenda resolved first.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The Scorpio passion for getting things done right and on time might rankle some folks. Never mind them. Others will be impressed, and they're the ones you want in your corner.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Finances could be a mite tight this week. And, while things will ease up soon enough, you savvy Sagittarians will want to keep a prudent eye on your expenses at this time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although a technical malfunction could cause a temporary delay in getting things up and running, you could use the time to recheck your operation and make changes where necessary.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find it difficult to resist making a snap judgment about a colleague's behavior. But stick with your usual way of assessing situations and wait for the facts to come out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Asking for help with a family situation might be the wisest course to take right now. Just be sure you turn to someone you can trust to do and say the right thing for the right reasons.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: BOOK TITLES: BIRDS
Provide the name of a bird to complete the book title. (e.g., "The Adventures of ___ Hood.")
Answer: Robin.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. "The Maltese ___"
Answer: Falcon
2. "To Kill a ___"
Answer: Mockingbird
3. "One Flew Over the ___'s Nest"
Answer: Cuckoo

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. "Six Days of the ___"
Answer: Condor
5. "I Heard the ___ Call My Name"
Answer: Owl
6. "Black ___ Down"
Answer: Hawk

PH.D. LEVEL

7. "___ Rise to Candleford"
Answer: Eagle
8. "The Eagle and the ___"
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9. "___ and Empire"
Answer: Eagles

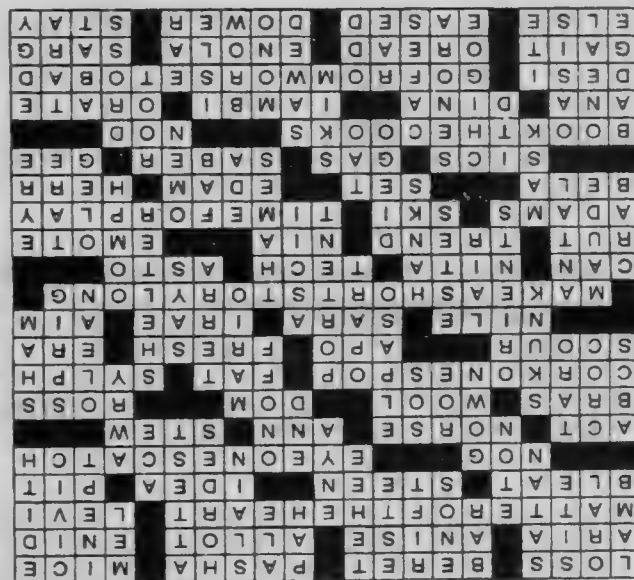
ANSWERS: 1. Falcon. 2. Mockingbird. 3. Cuckoo. 4. Condor. 5. Owl. 6. Hawk. 7. Lark. 8. Raven/wren. 9. Eagles.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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"Far Out" Ideas Tossed around at Minden's Library "Eco-Poet Drew Dellinger Reads

DEATH NOTICES

Marvin Brown

Marvin Brown died peacefully in his sleep on March 11th in his 86th year at Nanaimo, BC. Marvin, along with his wife Belinda, were directors of the Brown Camps/Browndale Haliburton region from 1965 until 1976. Marvin also served as roads superintendent for Stanhope Township prior to moving to British Columbia in 1987 to join his children, Peter, John Jr, Lisa, Mosey and Gretchen. Brown, an avid pilot, was instrumental in the founding of a local flying club and the incorporation of Stanhope Airport during the early 70's. Marvin always had a smile, kind words and thoughtful gestures for those he encountered. He will be remembered fondly by extended family and friends in Haliburton County.



International poet, teacher, writer, activist and founder of Poets for Global Justice, Drew Dellinger, was a guest of the Haliburton Highlands Writers- Editors Network and the Gaia Centre (Gaia comes from Greek mythology and refers to Earth as home of the sacred and as sacred home) this past Sunday at the Minden Library. While introducing Dellinger, Carol Kilby of Haliburton's Gaia Center stressed that not only was Drew Dellinger an artist, but that he was an activist who used his creativity to awaken in us a new way of seeing ourselves as an interwoven part of the earth and the universe.

Dellinger opened with a reading of "Hymn to the Sacred Body of the Universe, a selection from his poetry collection, Love Letter to the Milky Way. He emphasized our role as an interwoven strand within a seemingly endless expanse of galaxies and stressed the benefits of expanding our vision beyond that of this planet to safeguard a sustainable future.

"let our lives be incense burning
like a hymn to the sacred
body of the universe
my religion is rain
my religion is stone
my religion reveals itself to me in
sweaty epiphanies
every leaf, every river,
every animal,
your body
every creature trapped in the gears
of corporate nightmares
every species made extinct
was once
your body"



(Excerpt from Hymn to the Sacred Body of the Universe)

Although now an acclaimed author, Dellinger admitted struggling with writing as a student. Despite having an inherent love of language and words, it took the desire to communicate ideas associated with cosmology, ecology and social justice to motivate the novice writer to scribe ideas to an extent that he considered himself an author.

Environmental thinker and mentor, Thomas Berry prompted many of Dellinger's current ideas. Dellinger is presently writing his dissertation on Martin Luther King Jr. and the connections between cosmology, ecology and social justice. His book of poems, Love Letter to the Milky Way, has thousands of readers around the world, and his work has appeared on radio, in films and in books, anthologies and magazines. There was no doubt among devoted members of the group in attendance that they were in fact, in the presence of an author, regardless of any misgivings Dellinger himself may still harbour. ■

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Getting Off to a 'Rock Solid' Start

Founders of New Organization Impressed By Response at Inaugural Meeting

By Mark Arike

Photos By Michael Bainbridge

Antique car collections, baseball and hockey memorabilia, and rare Royal Doulton figurines are just a few examples of items that tend to have one thing in common: significant monetary value.

But for those in Haliburton County who are frequent or occasional rock and mineral hunters, the value of their collection is measured in much more than just dollars and cents. The importance of their collections are sized up by the adventures they went on to find their discoveries, the camaraderie they share with fellow rock seekers, and the beauty that shines in the specimens they locate right here in the Canadian Shield.

It might not be a money-making endeavour; however, that seems to be a fact that most rock and mineral collectors in general are willing to overlook. Last Saturday, several of these rock thrill seekers descended upon R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden for the launch of a brand new local organization: the Haliburton Geological Society.

Heading up the inaugural meeting were the founders of the group, Michael Bainbridge and Steve Smith – two local residents, and enthusiastic collectors in their own right.

"We have 110 types of minerals in this county," said Smith, one of the founding members of R.D. Lawrence Place who loaned the educational centre his small collection of local specimens for display purposes. "Rocks and minerals are being utilized in this area, but it seems that the general public in the county isn't that aware of what we have here."

Though most rocks and minerals aren't valuable precious gems, the mineral tourism industry has proven to be big business in certain places.

Not too far from Haliburton County lies Bancroft, the "Mineral Capital of Canada". There, people from far and wide go to experience mineral collecting field trips throughout the summer. The town even hosts events such as the annual Rockhound Gemboree, Canada's largest gem and mineral show, to attract locals and tourists to the area.

For a number of years, Bainbridge, a serious collector and professional mineral photographer, has seen first-hand just how much interest exists in these activities.

"We [Steve and I] knew that the interest is out there, and it's been very gratifying to see the response we've gotten," Bainbridge explained in an interview with The Voice.



apatite 'cut & rough' from the Liscomb Mine in Wilberforce, cut stone "trilliumite" 65.53 carats, crystal 2.8cm long, Canadian Museum of Nature collection

"We've spoken about forming a club for a little while and we now found ourselves at a point where we could stop talking about it and actually do it."

So what role will the Haliburton Geological Society play in the grand scheme of things?

"Our goal, ultimately, is to bring people together with a similar interest in this so we can all share our knowledge and experiences with each other," said Bainbridge.

Future plans for the organization include the introduction of memberships and the creation of a board of directors. When those things are established, Bainbridge and Smith would like to be able to lead rock and mineral trips in Haliburton County and at a few farther destinations.

Should those adventures happen, their organization would develop partnerships with well-established groups like the Central Canadian Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CCFMS), a non-profit federation of rock, mineral and lapidary clubs for hobbyists in central Canada. The president of the CCFMS, Robert Beckett, attended Thursday night's meeting to provide information about his organization and the relationship the group would have with the local hobbyist group.

Also during the informative gathering, Bainbridge went into great detail about rocks and minerals while providing a slideshow of images. He started his presentation by pointing out that the common stereotype often made about rock collectors is that they are "nerds."

"If you really want to know what a mineral collector looks like, take a look around this room," he said, alluding to the fact that all types of people can be collectors. Bainbridge then flashed over to an image of one of Hollywood's toughest guys, who, to the astonishment of audience members, is an avid mineral collector himself.

"I dare you to call this guy a nerd," said Bainbridge of the intimidating snapshot of actor Steven Seagal.

Think you're the perfect candidate to become part of this geological movement? Already have experience in the field? Maybe you're brand new to the whole concept? No matter what your experience level is or how old you are, the Haliburton Geological Society could be a great group for you.

Interested in finding out more? Send an email to hgs@theoccurrence.ca to stay informed about upcoming meetings and events hosted by the group.

Did You Know? (Information from www.rocksforkids.com)

All rocks are made of two or more minerals, but minerals are not made of rocks.

A mineral is the same all the way through.

There are about 3,000 known minerals on Earth. ■



Brigitte Gall digging for apatite at the Bear Lake Diggings near Gooderham

Provincial Budget Gets Mixed Reviews

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"This is a steady as she goes budget." (MPP Rick Johnson)

While Ontario's \$126 billion dollar budget is being touted by a number of provincial MPP's as a path toward job creation and growth in the province, the plans laid out by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan are getting mixed reviews. Many see the move to freeze public sector wages as an extremely positive move, while others see this decision as an indication that we are still not out of the woods when it comes to a fragile economy.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson said, "The freeze on MPP salaries is a symbolic move by the provincial government to reaffirm our deep commitment to responsibly manage our collective tax dollars. This is a plan to eliminate the deficit caused by the global recession and, at the same time, enhance programs and services in education, health care and skills training."

The projected deficit for 2009-2010 stands at just over \$21 billion dollars and the province is anticipating that Ontario will cut the deficit in half within five years and completely eliminate the deficit within eight years. The deficit for the next fiscal year is projected at approximately \$19.7 billion.

Despite having to foot one third of the bill, the announcement that infrastructure investment will increase this year is good news for many municipalities that have been holding their breath, wondering if funding will be available to address further aging infrastructure, roads and bridges. An additional \$13.2 billion dollars will be available over the next year for public transit, highway expansions, roads and bridge rehabilitation and other transportation initiatives.

Johnson said, "This is a steady as she goes budget for the most part."

According to Johnson the announcement by Minister Duncan is just the first overview of things to come. "Now we have to wait for all of the ministries to see what they will do with the budget and I think there will be a number of positive impacts," he said.

Johnson commented that one very positive impact for Haliburton County revolves around the new water technology developed by Fleming College. "Fleming College is one of the leaders in the province and I see tremendous opportunities for the College because of their research."

Johnson also sees opportunities for people in Haliburton County through the Second Career funding that is being created to help people get further training. "There are some great success stories there and the additional 30,000 spaces will get people back to school across the province and create new opportunities for them."

On top of that, Johnson said that an additional 20,000 spaces will be available in September for colleges and universities. "Fleming College has had a huge increase in enrolment and this will allow more people in the area to get trained. As the market place improves people will be trained and ready to go."

Addressing child care investments, Johnson said the province has stepped in to permanently fill the gap left by the federal government with an annual investment of \$63.5 million dollars to preserve as many as 41 child care spaces in the riding as well as implementing full-day learning for four and five year olds, something that will benefit eight schools in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

When asked why none of the schools in Haliburton had been identified, Johnson said he had been on a standing committee for the past three days discussing this very issue. "Overall the program is very valuable for our community in general and for the province. It is a five year roll out and the School Board, in consultation with the Ministry, has identified schools where the need is the greatest."

Johnson said that overall it was an excellent program and when rolled out over the five year period many of the bugs would be worked out. He said, "I've seen kids arriving at school in Grade One far behind children in the rest of the province and we want to ensure that our children are on an equal footing. It's frustrating that no schools were identified in Haliburton and I'm hoping to see one of their schools identified during the next round. In the meantime I believe in having a social safety net for people in the greatest need."

Overall Johnson said that the province had taken a good approach to reducing the deficit. He said, "This was not a made in Ontario situation and the government made a conscientious decision to put funding into infrastructure to help keep people working. Last year we either retained or created 300,000 jobs. Imagine the shape we'd be in if all of those people actually lost their jobs."

"If we're going to borrow money to stimulate the economy, we

need to do it in places and on infrastructure that will be there in twenty or thirty years," Johnson said, but he confirmed that as yet there were no details on how the funding would roll out.

County Treasurer Laura Janke commented that while the budget does contain a section on partnering with municipalities, many of the funds have previously been announced and there have been no new announcements that directly impact municipalities. According to Janke one of the biggest things that will affect the County is the freeze that has been placed on salaries and McGuinty's challenge to municipalities to follow suit.

Warden Dave Burton said that he has reviewed much of the material sent out by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and confirmed that the budget appears to maintain the status quo for now, with few incentives for the County as a whole. "McGuinty appears to be calling on the County and municipalities to freeze wages as well. Of course, that will be limited to management positions which puts the municipalities in a very difficult position without the ability to go to the unions."

Sales tax rebates for new home buyers under the HST are forecasted to total \$1.1 billion dollars in 2011 and 2012 based on the enhanced HST rebate structure for new housing. According to the Ontario Home Builder's Association the province is following through on their 2009 commitment to invest \$1.2

billion dollars over two years for social housing rehabilitation and energy retrofits, to create new affordable housing units for seniors and people with disabilities and to extend the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program to create new homes for low income families, seniors, people living with mental illness and victims of domestic violence.

But OHBA President James Bazely has expressed his disappointment that the province didn't announce a permanent renovation tax credit to mitigate the impact of the incoming HST on residential renovations. Bazely did say that continued stimulus funding would spur growth and solidify Ontario's path to recovery. "Home builders remain concerned about the fragile state of the provincial economy and it is crucial that we get people back on job sites, in factories and in the office place to ensure a sustainable recovery and a continuing demand for housing."

Meanwhile, former Energy Minister and Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson has asked the McGuinty Government whether it will respect the wishes of the City of Kawartha Lakes and over 50 Ontario communities who have asked the Liberals to put a moratorium on new wind developments. According to Wilson, the McGuinty Government is foisting projects on municipalities without any local say and overall the province is ignoring the concerns of voters in rural and small town Ontario. ■

A Hand Up for Haiti

By Zoe Cittern



Cory Bennett who initiated the event stands next to art work which was auctioned off later on in the evening

Ever since the earthquake hit the Caribbean island of Haiti on January 12th of this year fundraising has been on-going throughout the community to support the Haitians.

Three million people were affected by the quake; the Haitian Government reported that between 217,000 and 230,000 people died, an estimated 300,000 were injured and an estimated 1,000,000 were made homeless from the devastation.

It was those figures and shocking images on television from Haiti that made local resident, Cory Bennett decide she wanted to do a fundraising event of her own; and so, A Hand Up For Haiti was born. The registered nurse explained, "It was so frustrating to watch what was going on. All of the proceeds will be going to Doctors without Borders which is a wonderful charity. They have low administration fees and are all about healthcare, they are without political or religious agendas."

Doctors without Borders was founded in 1971 by a group of French doctors and has been providing emergency health care to people caught in many kinds of catastrophes: armed conflicts, natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes, epidemics of disease, and famines.

A Hand up For Haiti, The Taste n' Talents of the Highlands, was held at Sir Sam's Resort last Saturday evening. Once again people across the county showed their unwavering support for fundraising events. In fact approximately 200 people did, a remarkable turn out.

A silent auction ran throughout the evening, patrons could bid on gift certificates, pottery, electronics and outdoor equipment amongst others while a live auction was also held. A Matt Duchene Jersey and paintings were some of the items up for sale. The auctioneer was Doug Walden from Lindsay who has some 30 years of experience, kicked off the event.

Residents were treated to music from Bethany Houghton while they sampled the Highlands food which included sushi and foie gras hors d'oeuvres.

Cory got together a committee of six people, including herself, to help organise the event; Betty Dixon, event co-ordinator, Oliver Fischer, donor coordinator, Jane Selbie, art acquisition coordinator, Madison Espie, youth volunteer co-ordinator and Margaret Turney, graphic artist co-ordinator.

Cory in the past has organised charity events and to pull the event together seamlessly, she rang the busiest people she knows. "That's how I could get it done and have the right amount of sponsors."

In total over 100 sponsors came together to support the event. The highest bid item, an Elk Hunting trip to Alberta sold for \$4,500. At time of going to press over \$20,000 was raised, but they were still waiting to finalize outstanding expenses and monies from auction items.

Cory said after the event, "We're absolutely thrilled. Our team did so well, I've worked on auctions many times before and in six weeks we managed to pull off something which to be frank is unparalleled. The feedback from people who know auctions, told us it was the best one they've ever been to. People came by on Sunday when we were clearing up and told us they've never seen anything more professionally done and organised. The team was outstanding, everyone worked together so well for the benefit of the cause. The food was fantastic and people were so happy with the quality of the beautiful art."

Food was donated from The Bonnie View, Chef Aaron Walker, Chef Chris Baux, M + M Meats, McKecks The Blue Line, Rhubarb, Sir Sams Inn, That Place in Carnarvon, Village Court Cafe and the Wild Orchid.

It was in Cory's own words, the "first kick at the can" and she was adamant that the fundraising efforts would be an annual event with a different charity as the recipient each year. She need not worry about future fundraising endeavours after last Saturday's success. ■

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